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National Collegiate Wrestling Association

A message from Jim Giunta - NCWA Executive Director

VISION. VALUES. and PURPOSE

For the past twenty-five years, the NCWA has remained committed to a vision that has at its core increased leadership opportunities, expanded wrestling competition, inspired community involvement and academic excellence for all student athletes.

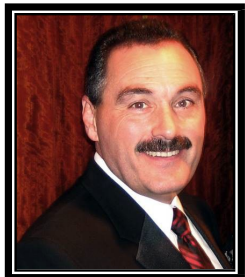
Founded in 1997 as a 501(c) 3 non-profit association, the NCWA was designed to fill a gap in the wrestling community created by outside influences, including budgetary cutbacks and restrictive governmental legislation that forced institutions to drop their NCAA wrestling programs. Although participation interest among students remained high, many schools were forced to offer fewer athletic opportunities. The NCWA was born out of a mission to provide additional opportunities to the increasing number of high school seniors searching for both academic excellence and wrestling competition at the college level.

The NCWA is the youngest of the four collegiate wrestling governing bodies, which include the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA. The NCWA stands uniquely as the only collegiate governing body devoted exclusively to the success of wrestling. We serve as a spawning ground for new wrestling programs, offering opportunities for students to experience wrestling at all skill levels.

In addition to athletic departments, the NCWA recognizes programs developed under alternative administrative bodies, including student services and sports club departments. Our educational model uses wrestling as a platform to teach students leadership skills including budgeting, conflict resolution, time management, bargaining and negotiation, motivation, discipline, and work ethic. Coaches guide athletes in the development and oversight of a non-profit wrestling organization.

Because NCWA teams may be funded by students themselves, wrestling boosters and outside community resources, there are few and limited budgetary concerns for the member institution.

The NCWA is composed of volunteers committed to helping our young people accomplish their goals and dreams, and to reach for excellence in everything they do. Through athletic endeavor, academic excellence, team leadership responsibilities and community involvement, NCWA student-athletes graduate college ready to meet the demands of a competitive world. They emerge from college equipped through their academic achievements and athletic success to take the competition to the mat, score and emerge as a champion.



We encourage you to take the next step in expanding the way your school sees student involvement in athletics. Join us in changing lives.

Jim Giunta

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IMPORTANT NCWA DATES

- **4/15/22 - 10/15/22** - regular NCWA Membership Renewal time
- **9/15/22** - Individual Wrestler Registration **BEGINS**
- **1/31/23** - Individual Wrestler Registration **ENDS**
- **10/28/22** - 2022-2023 Competition Season begins for All Divisions
- **12/1/22 - Deadlines** for the following submissions:
 - Submitting the name of a Conference's selected Official for the 2023 National Duals and the Regional Duals Championships
 - Submitting each Conference's selection of an Official for the 2023 National Championships in March, 2023
- **12/15/22** - No **New** Teams admitted after this date.
- **1/6-1/7/23 Weekend** – Men's National Duals at **NWCA's**
 - Multi-Divisional National Duals in Louisville, KY at **Kentucky Expo Center**
- **1/27/23 - 1/28/23**
 - NCWA Women's National Duals - site: Ottawa University Arizona Surprise, AZ – O'Dell Center
 - NCWA Men's Western Regional Duals and Women's National Duals Ottawa University, Surprise, AZ and Women's Freestyle Invitational
 - NCWA Men's Eastern Regional Duals - site: James Madison University - Godwin Hall
- **2/25/23 Weekend** - All Conference Championships
(*all fines and fees must be paid before a team may enter Conference tournament*)
- **3/1/23 - Wednesday** - Deadline for Men and Women to scratch from National Championships without sanctions - **6:00 PM Central Time**
(*Wednesday after Conference Championships*)
- **3/9/23 - 3/11/23** - NCWA - National Collegiate Wrestling Championships
Site: Roberto Clemente Colosseum in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- **?/??/23** - Tentative date for 2023 Vision Forum (*Zoom meetings or on site*)
- **?/??/2023** - NWCA Coaches Convention -- *Site: TBA*

Text Legend

Items in **RED** are important issues

Texts highlighted in **ZZZZ** are new changes for the 2022-2023 season

SECTION 1 -- NCWA MEMBERSHIP

Article 1.1 -- REGULATORY AUTHORITY

The National Collegiate Wrestling Association was organized in 1997 as a 501(c)3 non-profit association designed to promote, support, and regulate collegiate style wrestling on the college and university level. The member schools give regulatory authority to the NCWA. Institutions of higher learning may apply for membership through the NCWA Executive Board. All junior colleges, colleges, and universities, both private and public, are eligible for NCWA membership.

The Executive Board, along with the Legislative Council and the Judicial Council, function to provide the administration, regulation, and promotion of amateur wrestling at the college level for all member institutions.

Article 1.2 -- ELIGIBILITY OF SCHOOLS

Membership in the NCWA is open to all accredited institutions of higher education. Member teams are generally chartered under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Department, the Sports Activity Coordinator or any department granted the administrative authority by the member institution.

Institutions may sponsor only one NCWA governed wrestling program during any season.

Programs that are currently subject to any disciplinary actions by their host institution or association must report such discipline to their Conference Boards and the National Compliance Director. If warranted, the Judicial Council may rule the disciplinary action by a host institution will render a team ineligible for NCWA membership.

All teams, coaches, wrestlers, and member institutions agree to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth herein. Any act of deceit or willful and calculated disregard of any portion of the NCWA Rules - Policies - Procedures and / or the NCWA or NCAA Codes of Conduct may result in the suspension of any NCWA member school. Any act intended to circumvent any rule or evade penalty by the NCWA may be treated as though the said rule violation occurred.

The purpose and spirit of the underlying Rules - Policies - Procedures of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association may be applied with the same force and effect as the rules themselves. Member teams are advised to seek the advice and counsel of their respective Conference Executive Boards and / or the NCWA Judicial Council should any questions of legality arise.

Article 1.3 -- MEMBERSHIP OF NEW SCHOOLS

New Schools may apply for membership in the NCWA by first contacting the NCWA Executive Director **Jim Giunta** at **214-378-9900** or by email at **jim@ncwa.net**.

Upon making initial contact with the NCWA Executive Director, the Director shall send the prospective member a "New Team Application", after the New Team Membership Application is received by the NCWA in good order, then a 'due diligence' will be performed to verify the information and clarify any questions or concerns with the Administration of the applying institution.

No new schools are accepted after **DECEMBER 15TH** of each season unless approved by the Executive Board.

Article 1.4 -- MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR CURRENT MEMBER SCHOOLS

Membership Renewal

All actively participating member schools must renew their membership each year. The Annual Renewal Application Form is available on the NCWA website.

An annual membership fee will be due between **April 15th and October 15th** each season. A late fee of \$50 per month will be assessed to any team not submitting their annual renewal payment in a timely manner. The due dates and applicable fines are listed on the Team Membership Application Form. All Renewal Memberships must be received in good order no later than February 1st. All Membership Dues, Late Fees, and Fines must be paid prior to the Conference Championships of each season for a team and its members to be eligible to compete in the postseason.

Article 1.5 -- MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

NCWA Membership Classifications are determined by the Quality Enhancement Director.

- **Division-1 - Teams**
- **Division-2 - Emerging Programs**
 - *(Programs that are moving toward D-1 status and those that are required to be D-2 due to NCAA team on campus)*
- **Women Division --** *(discounted fee for teams with a Men's team)*

Membership Fees

- **Division 1 / Division 2** **\$515 + \$50 / registered athlete**
- **Provisional (1st year Program)** **\$515 + \$50 / registered athlete**
- **Women's Division Team with Men's Team** **\$315 + \$50 / registered athlete**
- **Women's Division Team without Men's Team** ... **\$515 + \$50 / registered athlete**
- **Transition Teams** **\$515 + \$50 / registered athlete**

NCWA Provisional Teams

New Programs begin with a Provisional year in the NCWA. The provisional year allows time for teams to understand and comply with NCWA eligibility and competition rules, without the threat of fines or censorship due to inadvertent misapplication of rules, guidelines, or best practices.

Provisional teams may compete with other NCWA programs throughout the season but are limited to one year of postseason competition. Provisional teams may NOT compete with NCAA or NAIA teams in **dual matches** during their provisional period.

Transition Programs

Transition Teams are permitted membership in the NCWA. Transition programs are defined as established wrestling programs at institutions changing competition divisions within the NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA. Transition Teams are permitted to enter their NCWA Conference Championships and are permitted to advance to the National Championship if they qualify. The number of Qualifiers for the Nationals is limited by the rules of the division they are transitioning into (e.g.: 1 qualifier per weight class for NCAA, etc.).

Gaining Full NCWA Membership

After a team's provisional year, they are automatically moved to full membership in their respective division provided they could comply with all NCWA eligibility and competition rules as well as adhering to NCWA best practices. For D1, D2 and Women Programs to gain full membership they must have an NCWA approved / accepted non-student coach providing consistency in leadership from year to year.

Teams that are reprimanded during a season for non-compliance with NCWA rules or those that do not have a non-student coach may be required to serve additional provisional years. Continued rule violations may result in probation and dismissal from the NCWA for a year or more. Waivers for the non-student coaches' criteria may be granted by the conference for extraordinary circumstances such as loss of a **previously registered non-student coach** late in the season.

Article 1.6 -- NCWA "FULL MEMBER" BENEFITS

Full NCWA Membership includes the following:

- 1,000,000 / 3,000,000 Liability insurance covering coaches, schools, and athletes
- NCWA Website facilitating registration, clearinghouse communication and more
- Supplemental athlete accidental injury insurance (*for registered / cleared athletes*)
- Access to college program assessment data reports (*salaries, operating budgets, etc.*)
- NCWA National Championship awards program (*rings, watches and coaches' awards*)
- Opportunity to apply for a scholarship to the CEO Leadership Academy training
- Access to the NCWA National Duals Championship
- Access to the NCWA Regional Duals Championship
- Access to one of the 8 postseason Conference Tournaments
- **Discounted** Membership in the National Wrestling Coaches Association. (NWCA)

- Access to NCAA rules surveys
- National administrative and compliance support
- Access to Optimal Performance Calculator & integrated sports nutrition program
- Marketing / Promotion Toolkit (*NWCA Best of Brand Promotion*)
- “Best Practices Guide for Improving Academic Performance”
- Access to Academic Improvement Consultants
- Special pricing with exclusive vendors for mats, equipment, and supplies
- Deep discount on Fusionetics injury prevention & competition readiness system
- Qualification for All- American and All-Academic Team awards
- Annual Vision Forum and NWCA convention discount for NCWA coaches
- Access to college coaches’ directory in both the NCWA and NWCA website portals
- Automatic membership in the NCWA Alumni Association
- Discounts on wrestling publications (*WIN, Amateur Wrestling News, Wrestling USA*)
- Member Discounts on Mats, Gear, Hotels, and other retail items negotiated by NCWA

Losing NCWA Membership: The Judicial Council may rule that teams be suspended or forfeit membership in the NCWA through serious or repeated violations of the NCWA Rules - Policies- Procedures, or automatically after two years of past due Association Membership dues.

SECTION 2 -- ELIGIBILITY OF WRESTLERS

Article 2.1 -- NCWA REQUIREMENTS FOR WRESTLERS

NCWA wrestlers are limited to a total of 4 years of competition (consecutive or not) in the NCWA, NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA and any combination thereof, while the wrestler is enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program.

Student-Wrestlers must be currently enrolled in a matriculating program, verified by the school Registrar, satisfactorily progressing toward a degree, or equivalent, and attending a minimum of six (6) units during the NCWA season regardless of the school’s academic calendar. While competing, if classes are in session, the wrestler must be attending classes.

Student-wrestlers must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA after their First year of eligibility to compete.

Graduating seniors are exempt from the 6-unit requirement if they will complete their graduation requirements at the end of the current semester.

Only NCWA athletes who have not entered any NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA recognized collegiate postseason championship series during the current season shall be eligible to compete in the current NCWA Championship Series. The CCCAA’s season ending championships are NOT recognized by the NCWA as a national championship.

If an athlete participates in a collegiate wrestling program other than the NCWA and loses eligibility in that program, they are not eligible to participate with the NCWA during the same season.

A student who is enrolled at an NCWA member institution and participates in an open tournament or team competition (dual or individual tournament) after the start of the NCWA season, without being properly registered and cleared for competition with the NCWA, will be subject to immediate suspension from the NCWA up to a time period of the remainder of the season and retroactive to the date of infraction OR a calendar year suspension depending upon the timing of the infraction. Team fines for this violation SHALL also apply. The suspension of the athlete may be challenged utilizing Article 14 of this document. The final determination of suspension/eligibility of the athlete if challenged will be adjudicated by the NCWA Judicial Council as set forth in this document and is based upon the pertinent facts of each individual case.

An institution shall not permit any wrestler to represent their team in collegiate competition within the NCWA unless that wrestler maintains the minimum academic eligibility requirements of that institution. It is the responsibility of the individual wrestler, and his coach, to monitor academic status. The NCWA does not track individual academic performance but will uphold the academic institution's decisions regarding eligibility.

However, to compete in the Conference Championships, a wrestler must have a Cumulative Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of **2.0 or better after 1 year of eligibility**, as verified by the school's Registrar on the Conference Academic Eligibility Form.

To certify eligibility, all Student-Athletes must register online with the NCWA Clearinghouse. Only properly registered athletes are eligible to compete on, or for, any NCWA member institution during the competition season. No wrestler may practice, compete, or travel in any NCWA event until their online Individual Wrestler Registration and their Waiver and Release of Liability Form have been properly completed, submitted, and received by the NCWA. Deadline for submitting the online Individual Wrestler Registration is **January 31, 2023**.

Any NCWA team that enters an ineligible wrestler in a competitive event during the season shall be fined according to the Team Penalties Fines Schedule chart (see Section 12) and MAY forfeit all competitions in which the ineligible wrestler competed. Additional penalties may be determined for the Head Coach and/or coaching staff for the violating team including but not limited to suspension for a time period determined by the Judicial Council. Additional violations may result in additional sanctions and fines above and beyond that written in Section 12, including but not limited to, a team being banned from competition within the NCWA for a calendar year or longer as determined by the Judicial Council.

Article 2.2 -- INDIVIDUAL WRESTLER REGISTRATION

Step # 1: ON-LINE WRESTLER REGISTRATION

September 15th thru January 31st

Before the beginning of any practice, competition, or travel, **all athletes** are required to be registered online with the NCWA Clearinghouse on the Official NCWA website (**www.ncwa.net**).

Individual Wrestler Online Registration opens **September 15th** and ends **January 31st**. Online Registration costs **\$50** per wrestler.

The Process:

- 1) A Wrestler must enter their first and last name onto the registration as they want it to appear on all brackets, awards, and rosters. Do not enter names in all CAPS. Use upper/lower case letters.
- 2) **All athletes must have a head shot / portrait photo wearing the school uniform, logo shirt or warmup. All apparel should be consistent. Photo must be uploaded by their Head Coach from the Team's web page.**
- 3) Individual athlete dues payment may be made at the time of the registration, or later by the wrestler, the coach or the university and will only be payable by credit/debit card on the NCWA website.
- 4) Each athlete must complete the NCWA Waiver and Release of Liability Form, provide it to their coach and the-coach must upload the signed Waiver form and wrestler's head shot / portrait photo to the website.

Once steps 1-4 have been completed, the wrestler enters their required "10-day practice" window, during this time, it is recommended that each wrestler participates in a minimum of 10 days of mat practice. Coaches can view the athletes progress through the 10-day competition blackout period in their password protected roster webpage.

Only wrestlers who have submitted their online individual Wrestler Registration, have submitted their signed Waiver and Release of Liability Form, and have progressed through the 10-day practice window, will appear on the team's public roster.

NCWA member institutions may assume that wrestlers who appear on a team's public roster within the NCWA website have met all the proper Clearinghouse-requirements and are eligible for competition.

As new members join a team, they may not practice, travel, or compete in any NCWA event until their on-line Individual Wrestler Registration, Dues Payment and Waiver and Release of Liability Form have been properly completed and submitted to the NCWA.

Step # 2: "INDIVIDUAL WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY" FORM

This form is available on the NCWA website. The wrestler must add their signature to the form, and then deliver the completed form to their Head Coach who must co-sign the form and then upload the form in PDF format to the website from their team page.

Digital signatures are NOT permitted.

The Form should be uploaded within 48 hours of the signature. The Coach is to keep the original form for their team's permanent file.

No wrestler may participate in any practice, competition, nor travel as part of an NCWA team before the completion of the Clearinghouse process. Only after the online registration, dues, and Waiver and Release of Liability form are received, and the athlete has progressed through their 10-day practice window will the athlete's name appear on the official team roster as "cleared for competition." The Coach is responsible for uploading each wrestler's Head Shot / portrait.

Note: Best Practices resources can be found on <http://www.ncwaonline.org>

Article 2.3 -- TEAM AND ATHLETE INFORMATION

Contact Information: Each member team must always maintain its contact information on the official NCWA website (www.ncwa.net). It is the responsibility of the Head Coach, or in the absence of a Head Coach, the Team President, to keep all email addresses, phone numbers, and mailing addresses current. This will include accurate, up-to-date contact information, current athlete records and biographical information including an appropriate individual photo, a schedule of events and competition results. **Failure to do so could result in league fines.**

The NCWA is not responsible to communicate with any individual **Coach, Athlete or Team** who is not properly listed on the NCWA website.

Athlete & Coach Photo – All athletes, and all Coaches, are **REQUIRED** to upload an appropriate head shot /portrait photograph in team uniform, shirt, or warm-up for each season. -

Head shots / portrait only – not group photos. Coach's head shot / portrait is required at the coach's registration at the National Championships. An appropriate athlete's photo is required before an athlete satisfies all Clearinghouse requirements to become eligible.

NOTE: *Inappropriate head shot / portrait photos of NCWA members (coaches and/or athletes) will be removed if deemed unacceptable and the coach will be notified to submit an appropriate head shot / portrait before the wrestler will be cleared for competition.*

Reporting Results: All teams must post their dual results in a timely manner. Tournament results must be emailed to results@ncwa.net in a timely manner. **The preferred report from tournaments are the actual brackets, not match results.** The Team SID is responsible for reporting results. In their absence, the responsibility falls to the coach.

The designated **Home Team** is responsible to report results within four (4) hours of the end of the event. **Visiting Teams** should **NOT** report results of NCWA competitions.

Visiting Teams entered in non-NCWA events must report their results within 48-hours of the event. Failure to do so may result in the event not being counted toward Conference eligibility qualification.

Athlete Photos and Videos: All athlete photos and video images captured by the NCWA or its representatives during competition at any NCWA event are the property of the NCWA and may be used in any way deemed appropriate by the NCWA without compensation to the athlete or the school they represent.

SECTION 3 -- COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

Article 3.1 -- NCWA COACHING POLICY

The following criteria are required to be met by the Head Coach and all Assistant Coaches:

- 1) Complete a basic questionnaire on the NCWA registration site
- 2) Pay the NCWA coach's registration fee on the NCWA website
- 3) Have had a background check through the university in the last 2 years
- 4) Complete, the online, SafeSport Certification Course.

The following criteria are considered “best practices” that should also be met:

- 5) Have a current First Aid and CPR Certification.
- 6) Be in good standing with the NCWA and member institutions as well as lacking a history of rules violations.
- 7) Should attend practices on a regular basis, travel to events with the team, and must live within a reasonable distance from the school being coached.

Article 3.2 -- TEAM STAFF COMPOSITION

To share the duties of a member team, the following structure is recommended:

a) Head Coach:

has the responsibility for scheduling events, monitoring practices, responsible for team conduct during competition, registering athletes online each year on the NCWA website, and submitting signed Waivers and Release of Liability Forms via upload to the NCWA website. Head Coach is also responsible for uploading head shot / portrait of staff and all wrestlers.

CPR and First Aid Training: All coaches, including volunteers, should be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Similarly, coaches and volunteers should be certified in basic first aid.

b) Team President:

Has the responsibility for establishing an appropriate liaison between the team and the school's administration, overseeing the proper payment of Annual Membership Fees and team fines, and overseeing the appropriate registration of wrestlers with the NCWA. The NCWA and the NCAA recommend that the Team President of each team be CPR and first aid certified.

c) Team - Sports Information Director (T-SID):

Is responsible for communicating news about the team throughout the year, keeping their NCWA team website current, reporting team competition results, and updating athletes' records and rankings, etc.

It is recommended that each T-SID submit **by email** a minimum of two (2) articles of at **least 250 words** per season for possible publication on the NCWA website. However, there is no maximum on the number of articles.

In addition, the Team SID should post articles on the team's website during the season. These articles may be used by the National SID for articles for the NCWA website.

Email articles to Scott Farrell at: scott@ncwa.net.

d) Team Compliance Officer:

Each team must have an individual (*school staff or team member*) who is responsible for monitoring the rules and regulations of the NCWA, NCAA and other eligibility requirements of their institution.

e) **Alumni Director:**

Each team should recruit an alumnus to serve as a liaison between the NCWA, the team and the school's Alumni Association who would be able to gather current information on NCWA alumni.

SECTION 4 – COMPETITION

Article 4.1 -- RULES OF COMPETITION

NCWA will comply with the published rules of competition as distributed by the NCAA. The current edition of the NCAA Wrestling Rules and Interpretations will be observed unless otherwise revised by the NCWA Executive Board, Legislative Council, and / or the Judicial Council.

No cameras are allowed in the coaches' 8 ft Reserved Zone at the mat corner.

Photographers in the mat areas must have media credentials and must be dressed appropriately.

Free digital copies and mobile device apps of **NCAA Wrestling Rules** are available from the NCAA Sports Library at their web page. NCAA Rules are available in hardcopy, ePub, PDF and mobi formats at no charge – Rules Books are \$10 each, plus shipping.

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Hosting Events

NCWA member schools may **host** competition **ONLY** between wrestlers and teams that are active members of the NCWA, NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA or CCAA. All matches will count toward the NCWA records and National NCWA Points if the hosted event was officiated by an NCWA Registered Wrestling Official representing a recognized sanctioning Officials association. (see Section 4 - Article 4.5 - Wrestling Officials)

NCWA Hosting Teams will use FloArena, at no cost, as the approved software to conduct all NCWA sanctioned events (duals, tournaments).

Defining an 'Open Tournament': During the competition season, an **Open Tournament**, hosted by an NCWA team, is defined as a competition open **ONLY** to currently collegiately eligible members of a nationally or regionally recognized **COLLEGIATE**, governing body listed above.

(Suggestion: Avoid using the word "Open" when an NCWA program hosts a tournament since the definition is different for other associations)

During all competitions, Riding Time must be used as per NCAA Rules.

At all competitions, the host team should provide a certified trainer and / or EMS staff.

Committee Note: NCWA Teams may participate in non-NCWA-hosted open tournaments. However, said tournaments must be hosted by a currently collegiately eligible member of nationally recognized collegiate wrestling associations. (e.g.: NCWA, NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA) and properly insured by the host entity.

Point of Emphasis: Appropriate attire for coaches and staff personnel is also required.
(NCAA Rule 3 - Section 2 - Article .2 - page WR-20)

Article 4.2 -- COMPETITION SEASON

The official NCWA 2022 - 2023 competition season for all divisions will begin on **October 28, 2022** and will conclude with the presentation of awards at the National Championships on **March 11, 2023**. During the competition season, rules contained in the NCWA Rules - Policies - Procedures will apply.

The NCWA does not set maximum limits on the time and conditions of practice or competition. The number of competitive events, practices, schedules, and times are only limited by the individual member institution.

Article 4.3 -- SCHEDULES

Team schedules should be posted to your team's page by linking to existing tournaments. Dual events can be added using procedures provided on the NCWA website. Results for events should be reported to results@ncwa.net as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event in the form of PDF brackets or links to the official result websites.

The NCWA strongly encourages the use of **Competition Contracts** for all events. Further, the NCWA will arbitrate event disputes only if all involved parties have signed an NCWA Competition Contract.

NCWA Competition Contracts are available on the NCWA website under "forms." The form is available in PDF format and MSWord format. In the MSWord format, a coach will be able to enter information onto the form so that it can be sent to the invited team(s) in a more readable format.

Article 4.4 -- SEX-SEPARATED COMPETITION

It is the goal of the NCWA to grow and develop women collegiate wrestling. As such, it is the experience of the NCWA that following the examples that have led to the success illustrated in similar wrestling associations, that sex separated competition is the best practice.

All physical wrestling activities (i.e., practices, NCWA hosted competitions, etc.) shall be sex separated. Men and women may not engage in physical wrestling activities at NCWA hosted wrestling events or practices at any time.

NCWA hosted competition shall be defined as any wrestling match, meet, tournament, or exhibition hosted by an NCWA institution or NCWA team per these rules.

Violation of this rule shall result in referral to the NCWA Judicial Council for deliberations, which may include findings of a rules violation and appropriate sanctions. Before engaging in any non-sex-separated activities and as any questions regarding this rule arise, teams are advised to seek an advisory opinion from the NCWA Compliance Officer.



Article 4.5 -- WEIGHT CLASSES

The NCWA has approved **11** weight classes for the **Men's Division** as follows:

125 - 133 - 141 - 149 - 157 - 165 - 174 - 184 - 197 - 235 (min. 173) - 285 (min. 183)

The NCWA has approved **11** weight classes for the **Women's Division** as follows:

101 - 109 - 116 - 123 - 130 - 136 - 143 - 155 - 170 - 191 -235 (min. 169)

The National Wrestling Coaches Association (**NWCA**) has developed a weight management program (**OPC**) that has been adopted for use by all the NCWA programs as part of the benefits of membership in the NCWA. It is recommended that all NCWA coaches join the NWCA. Coaches receive a Highly Discounted rate for NWCA membership.

Article 4.6 -- WRESTLING OFFICIALS

All NCWA hosted matches, whether dual format or tournament format, must be officiated by a **registered and approved** NCWA Referee. NCAA Certified Officials should be used when at all possible. Other Officials that are acknowledged by a national or state sanctioning association are also permitted, but all Officials must be **registered and approved** on the NCWA website.

The registered NCWA Officials are listed on the NCWA website at: <https://ncwa.net/officials>.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Failure to use a registered NCWA Official **for any hosted events** will result in a league fine **and will invalidate the team's liability insurance for that event.**

(see penalty list in SECTION 12)

At all NCWA hosted events, it is the responsibility of the host team to provide an NCWA registered Official(s). Currently, the NCWA Official's registration is free. NCWA Official's merchandise is available through **NCWAGear.com** and **AmericanWrestler.com**.

All Officials should wear the NCWA Official's logo equipment at all NCWA events.

NCWA Officials are required to report any Flagrant Misconduct (FMC) on the part of wrestlers and/or coaches within 48 hours of the incident by email to the National Compliance Director (compliance@ncwa.net).

Selection of Officials for the NCWA National and / or Regional Duals will be as follows:

- 1) Selection of each Conference's nominee for National and/or Regional Duals Officials must be submitted by **December 1st**. The selection will be completed by the NCWA Tournament Committee by **December 31st**
- 2) Each Conference can recommend one official by **December 1st** for the National and/or Regional Duals.
- 3) The Official's transportation cost to the event must be paid for by the Recommending Conference.
- 4) If a conference is not represented at the National and/or Regional Duals, then their selection becomes an at-large nominee and that selection will be made by the NCWA tournament the committee, in conjunction with the Head Official.

Article 4.7 -- Selection of Officials for the National Championships

will be as follows:

- 1) Each Conference Board may select one Official. **The Conference will be responsible for providing a transportation stipend from the Conference treasury for their selected Official to and from the event site.** The transportation stipend must be given to their selected Official before the National event. The NCWA will provide housing, food, and compensation for the Officials.
- 2) The deadline for submitting a Conference's Official selection is **December 1st** to the National Scheduling Official. (***Jim Engstrom*** -jimtwoa@earthlink.net)
- 3) The remaining Officials for the Nationals will be selected by the NCWA Tournament Committee in conjunction with the National Head Official.
- 4) Evaluation of Officials: The NCWA coaches can access the NCWA website to use the "Evaluation of Officials" forms that can be used throughout the year.

Article 4.8 - TRANSGENDER STUDENT-ATHLETES

Sub-Article 4.8.1 - Background on Transgender Issues in Athletics

NCAA Policy and Position:

The NCWA Taskforce on Wrestling Equality submitted this policy for approval by the NCWA Legislative Counsel after having reviewed available best practices, policies, and scientific and sociological research from the athletic and scientific community and receiving input from member institutions. The NCWA has the following policy:

The NCAA approved a transgender participation policy in an August 2011 Press Release. The NCAA based this policy in part on a 2010 report from the National Center of Lesbian Rights and the Women Sports Foundation. The report titled "On the Team: Equal Opportunity for Transgender Student Athletes", provides background information on the issue of athletic participation by transgender students and suggests athletic participation policies for post-secondary schools and institutions of higher learning. The report recommends a collegiate participation policy based on medical treatments involving the hormone testosterone.

As such, the NCWA has chosen to adopt a policy based on those of the NAIA, USA Wrestling and two member institutions.

Sub-Article 4.8.2 – TRANSGENDER STUDENT-ATHLETES – POLICY

A transgender student-athlete may participate in sex-separated approved season and post- season wrestling competition as a member of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) under the following conditions:

- 1) A male-to-female (**MTF**) transgender student-athlete who is taking medically prescribed hormone (i.e., testosterone suppressant and/or estrogen) treatment related to gender transition may participate against men or on a men's team at any time, but must complete one year of documented hormone treatment related to gender transition and demonstrate that her total testosterone level in serum has been below 10 nmol/L for at least 12 months prior to her first competition against women or on a women team.

- 2) A female-to-male (**FTM**) transgender student-athlete who is taking medically prescribed testosterone related to gender transition may not participate against women or on a women team after beginning hormone treatment. Any female-to-male (FTM) transgender student-athlete who is taking medically prescribed testosterone may compete on a men team only after the student provides medical documentation and receives a medical exception from the NCWA (e.g., prescription from a physician) allowing the use of medically prescribed testosterone.
- 3) Any transgender student-athlete who is not taking hormone treatment related to gender transition may participate in sex-separated wrestling activities in accordance with his/her assigned birth sex.
- 4) The student-athlete must meet all other requirements to compete in the NCWA, including but not limited to college or university registration status, minimum academic qualifications, and If an athlete fails or refuses to comply with any aspect of the liability determination processes, while that is his/her right as an individual, he/she will not be eligible to participate as a competitor. All cost for testing and medical review shall be borne by the wrestler.

Article 4.9 -- WRESTLING COMPETITION APPAREL

All Competition singlets must carry the NCWA Official Logo. All competition apparel must be purchased from vendors that have secured proper logo licensing from the NCWA.

TRADEMARK: The letters **NCWA** and Associated Logo are trademarked under US Trademark Serial # 85379223 and may not be used without specific written permission of the NCWA. Trademark licensing procedures can be found at:

<http://www.ncwaonline.org/logo-licensing.html>

Article 4.10 -- WRESTLING UNIFORMS

NCWA teams will follow NCAA rules for singlets and competition gear. Teams are not required to meet the NCAA rule for matching singlets / competition gear / warm-ups in the same round of an NCWA-only tournament. However, matching singlets / competition gear will be required for duals. Properly placed NCWA Logo must appear on all competition uniforms. Refer to the illustration on the next page.

Article 4.11 -- WRESTLING COMPETITION GEAR

NCWA Required Competition Gear:

- 1) Regulation Collegiate Cut Singlets are required
- 2) Singlets must have the NCWA logo displayed as described in the following diagram.
- 3) Teams should purchase singlets from NCWAGear and AmericanWrestler.
- 4) If a school has an existing contract with a specific vendor, they may use that supplier if they are licensed to use the NCWA Logo.

Vendor License Fees:

Vendors should contact the NCWA directly at trademark@ncwa.net or call **214-378-9900** for detailed information on contracts, fees, licensing, and other permissions required for the use of NCWA lettering or logos. The NCWA grants both single use and contracted period licenses for duplication and use of the name and or logos.

Provisional Team's Gear Exceptions: *(allowed for one year with no postseason competition)*

- Warm-ups -- Shorts / T-Shirts may be used as regulation warm-ups
- Regulation Collegiate Cut Singlets (Non-matching / Non-School Colors)

APPROVED NCWA VENDORS OF EQUIPMENT



NCWAGear - (407)-677-6322 / order@ncwagear.com



American Wrestler
(817)-637-1997 / Jeff McCall – jeffm@cleveritems.com

NCWA UNIFORM LOGO PLACEMENT

2022-2023

GUIDELINES

- ❖ The NCWA logo must appear on competition uniforms.
- ❖ The logo must be printed in locations shown, sized at no less than 1.5" x 1.5".
- ❖ The logo color should contrast with the singlet's design colors.

Teams shall purchase competition singlets from NCWAGEAR and AmericanWrestler

OPTION # 1



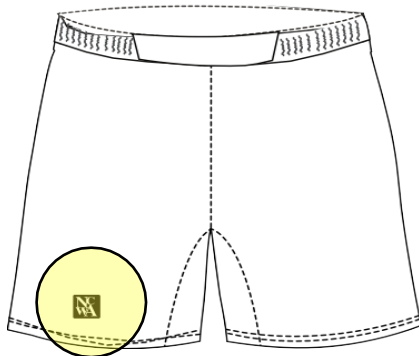
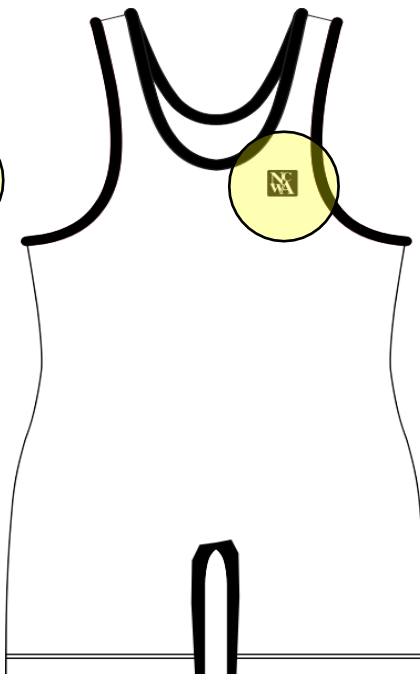
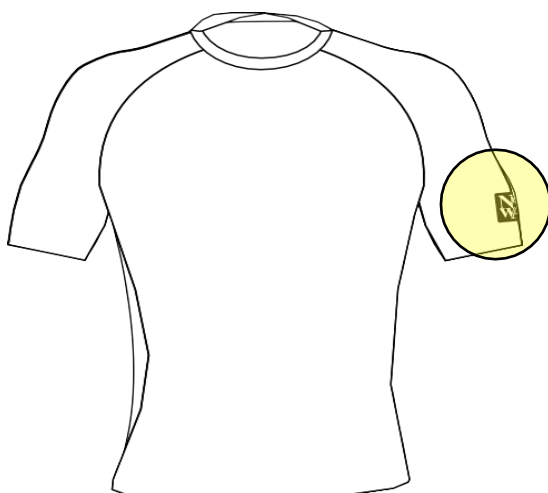
OPTION #2



DO NOT USE ANY VERSION OF THE LOGO OR TYPE STYLE OTHER THAN THE OFFICIAL LOGOS ABOVE.



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Article 4.12 -- NCWA NATIONAL POINTS

The NCWA has established a National Point Scoring Program for the following purpose:

- 1) To highlight top wrestlers
- 2) To promote expanded competition
- 3) To rank wrestlers and teams for national exposure
- 4) To use as a benchmark for scholarships
- 5) To use as a seeding criterion at the Conference Championships

For each match that an NCWA wrestler wins, they will be awarded points; in each tournament in which they place, they will earn additional placement points. Bonus Points are also earned for each pin, along with previous year placement in Conference and National tournaments. Wrestlers lose NCWA points for losses in both dual and tournament competitions.

The NCWA will change the calculation of points from time to time based on actual head-to-head competition. The NCWA Judicial Council reserves the right to penalize an athlete for any unsportsmanlike conduct or rules violation by the removal of NCWA National Points.

Article 4.13 -- CODES OF CONDUCT

(adopted from NCAA Rules and Interpretations unless modified by the NCWA)

Sportsmanship is a core value of the NCAA, and the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee believes that participation in athletics is an integral part of the educational experience for student-athletes.

Therefore, it expects the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity and conduct of all individuals associated with contests, as well as of all aspects of administration.

Article 4.14 -- COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the moral obligation of all collegiate wrestling coaches to conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect credit upon their institutions, their profession and themselves. Personal grooming and appropriate dress are a standard of professionalism. Jeans, T-shirts, sweatshirts/sweatpants, and non-institutional logoed warm-up suits (top and/or bottom), headwear and similar apparel are not considered suitable attire and are prohibited. Moral obligation and ethical conduct are part of winning and losing. Good sportsmanship, appearance, pride, honor, and concern for the well-being of the competitors should be placed before all else. The rules have been established in the spirit of this statement.

Article 4.15 -- STUDENT-ATHLETES STATEMENT OF CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of all wrestlers to conduct themselves in such a way as to reflect credit upon their institutions, the sport and themselves. Further, all wrestlers should realize that their personal appearance, behavior, and standards are related closely to the image of the sport as perceived by all segments of the public and wrestling communities. This applies to conduct as a competitor on the mat, while attending the event and while traveling to and from the event, and while both on and off campus. Moral obligation and ethical conduct are part of winning and losing. Good sportsmanship, pride, honor, and personal behavior should be placed above all else. The rules have been established in the spirit of this statement.

Article 4.16 -- REFEREES CODE OF CONDUCT

Wrestling referees have the responsibility for conducting bouts in a dignified, professional, and unbiased manner and shall deal with all situations in the spirit of good sportsmanship and in the best interest of the wrestlers and the sport. The character and conduct of referees must be above reproach. When in uniform or on site, a referee shall not fraternize with contestants and/or coaches. Referees must keep themselves prepared both physically and mentally to administer bouts.

Referees will enforce the rules firmly and fairly in both letter and spirit in such a way that attention is drawn to the wrestlers rather than themselves.

SECTION 5 -- COMPOSITION OF NCWA

Article 5.1 -- CONFERENCE ALIGNMENTS

The NCWA is divided into **9 Conferences**:

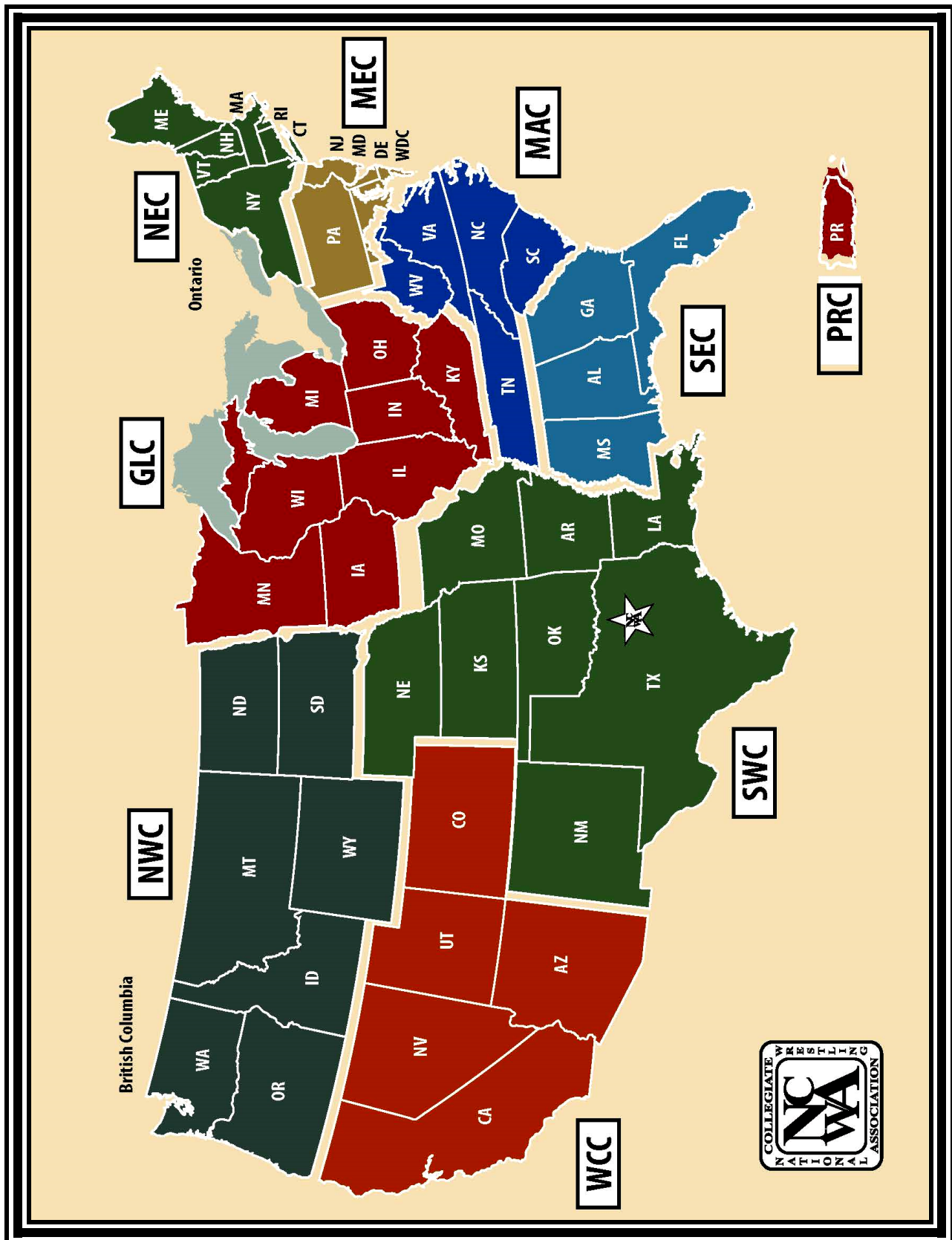
An established program in the NCWA may apply for membership in a conference other than their geographical conference as provided in Article 5.2 that is contiguous to their Conference's boundary.

- 1) This must be approved by the Chairman and the Commissioner of the conference they intend to leave.
- 2) They must then apply for membership in the new conference and be accepted by the Chairman and the Commissioner of that conference.
- 3) Final approval of the transfer shall be made by the NCWA Executive Board.
- 4) A one-time exit fee of \$250 shall be paid to their original conference and the program must then pay the current conference fee of the accepting conference that year and moving forward. The exit fee may be waived by the original conference.
- 5) A change in the conference is for a minimum period of three (3) years or when the NCWA redraws geographical conference lines.

New teams, approved for NCWA membership, may elect to join any conference contiguous with the border of the Conference in which they are located.

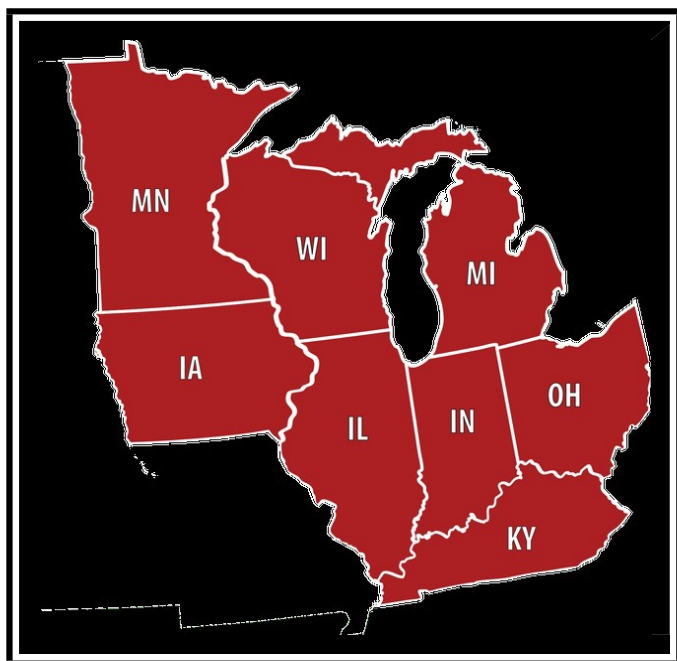


Conference Alignments for 2022-2023 Season as of 9/1/2022



Article 5.2 -- 2022-2023 CONFERENCE BOARDS:

Great Lakes Conference: (GLC)



Chairman: **Bryan Knepper**
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Chairman: **Brad Nelson**
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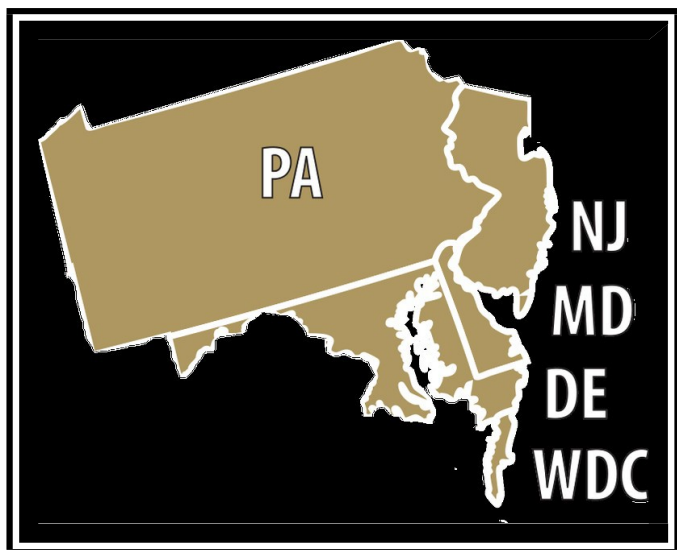
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Conference SID: **Albert Nieves**
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Southwest Conference: (SWC)



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Chairman: **Jeff McCall**
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Commissioner / Compliance: **Dennis McInerney**
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Treasurer / Development: **Dalton Souders**
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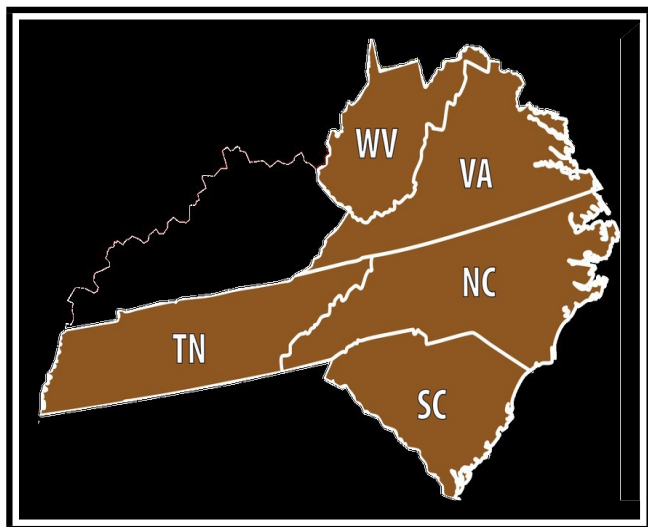
Alumni Representative: **OPEN**

Alumni Representative: **Joshua Sturgil**
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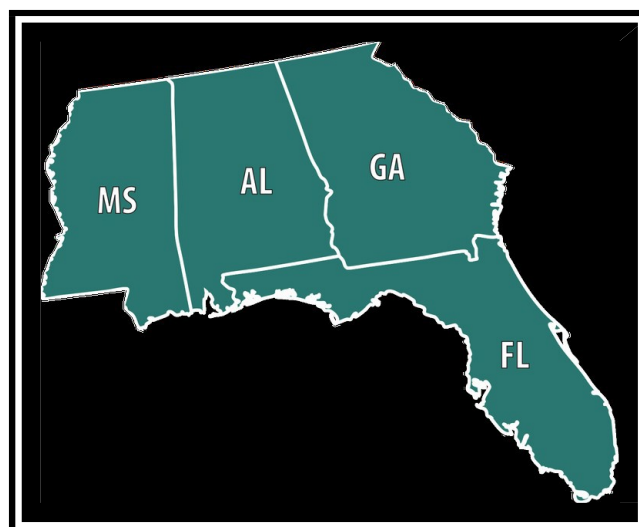
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Southeast Conference: (SEC)



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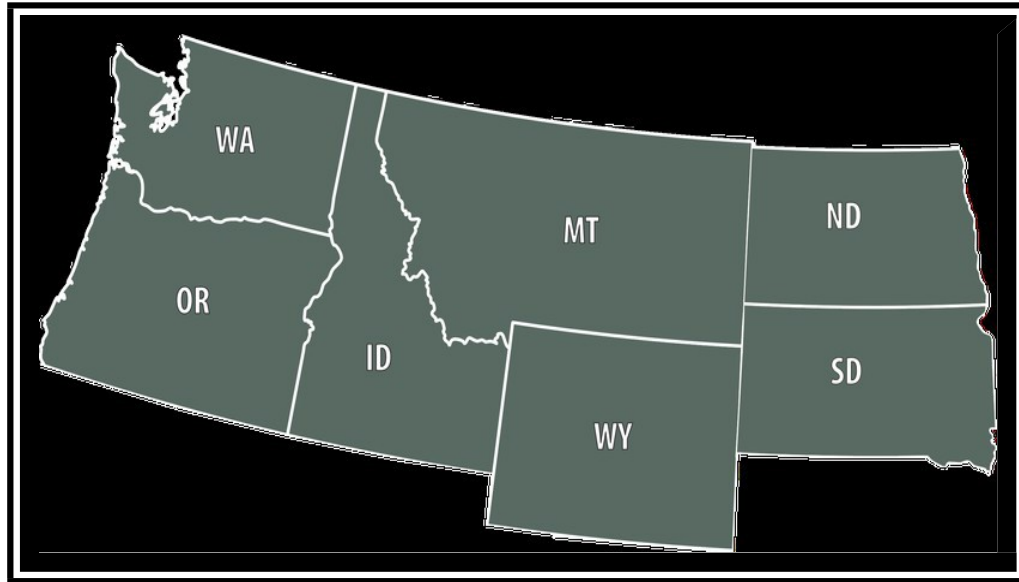
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Northwest Conference: (NWC)



Chairman: **Phillip Pine**
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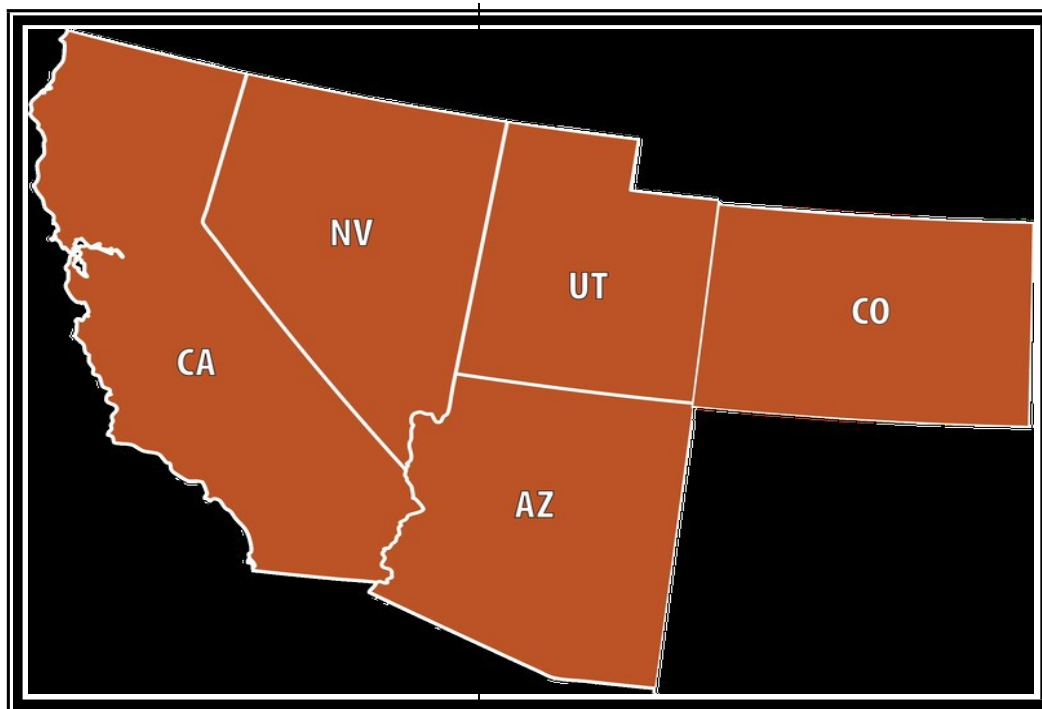
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Puerto Rico – (PRC) [under development]



West Coast Conference: (WCC)



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Treasurer: Joe Olson
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Rocky Mountain Regional Commissioner:
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Article 5.3 -- CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - RESPONSIBILITIES

Within the NCWA structure, there will be **8 Conferences** with their own local Conference Board of Directors that will consist of the following:

Chairman (*Chair*)
Commissioner / Compliance Officer
Treasurer / Director of Development
Conference Sports Information Director (*C-SID*)
Conference Alumni Director

Each Conference will fill the positions of their Conference Board by an election to be held at their annual Conference Championships. The newly elected Conference Board will assume their duties at the conclusion of the National Championship Finals.

The current Board members will attend and vote at all legislative sessions through the end of the National Championships. The new Board members may attend the meetings and advise the current Board Members but may not vote on any motions.

The Conference Board of Directors shall be the investigative body and finders-of-fact for the rules and regulations set forth herein. All decisions made by the Conference Board of Directors may be appealed to the Judicial Council, in writing, following the guidelines in Article 13.

A Conference Board of Directors may choose to appoint the following optional (advisory) positions to their Board. While an appointee to the following positions may be adopted from year-to-year, said positions shall automatically dissolve at the end of the season, thus requiring the re-appointment of individuals by the newly elected Board of Directors. These appointed positions will assist their Conference counterpart in their identified state and shall not have a vote on matters presented to the Conference Board of Directors.

The **Chairman duties**: will be to set and administer all conference meetings; document all competition results for their Conference teams. The Chairman is responsible for completion and submission of the entire Conference Championship packet to the NCWA National Secretary/Treasurer for entry into the National Championships. In addition, Chairmen are responsible for the coordination of table help at NCWA Nationals event.

The **Commissioner / Compliance Officer duties**: will be to verify schedules for all teams and tournaments within the Conference; responsible for certifying the eligibility of all Conference and National Qualifiers; responsible for competition contract disputes and establish a working relationship with the local Wrestling Officials Associations. The Conference Commissioners will also function as the Conference Compliance Officers and report compliance infractions to the National Compliance Director. It is recommended that the Conference Commissioners not be an active NCWA coach.

The **Conference Treasurer / Director of Development duties**: are to encourage the expansion of the NCWA within their Conference, including but not limited to, initial school contacts, an invitation to membership, fundraising and advertising the NCWA and Conference events and their respective results. As Conference Treasurer, they will be responsible for establishing a Conference bank checking account and responsible for maintaining records of the Conference membership funds.

The **Conference - Sports Information Director (C-SID) duties**: shall include the publication of a minimum of two (2) articles of at least 250 words each season promoting the accomplishments of their Conference. In addition, the C-SID shall facilitate the compliance of conference schools in the timely publication of competition results and required team articles on the NCWA website. C-SIDs should establish media relationships with newspapers, websites, magazines, and sports reporters.

The **Conference Alumni Director duties**: are to encourage the expansion of the Alumni information base of each Conference school, promote participation by the Alumni at local and national events and encourage membership in the National NCWA Alumni Association.

The **Conference Board's composite duties**: will also include the following:

- 1) Oversee all NCWA and NCAA rules within their Conference.
- 2) Promote new programs within their Conference.
- 3) Report information and competition results to the NCWA.
- 4) Promote local / conference events to the various media.
- 5) Present information to School Boards, Athletic Departments and Rec Departments.
- 6) Inform local high schools about programs at NCWA member schools.
- 7) Selecting the Conference Championship host team and approving the venue.
- 8) Oversee and direct their local NCWA Conference Qualifying Championships.
- 9) Determine which Official(s) and tournament workers will be recommended for the NCWA National Championships

Article 5.4 -- STATE DIRECTORS (optional)

State Commissioner, State Director of Development and State Sports Information Director

Article 5.5 -- DETERMINING NCWA DIVISIONS

Division 1 -- Athletic Department & Scholarship Programs

Any program that is sponsored by the athletic department of a member institution OR that provides tuition assistance from the school or from a Scholarship Foundation / Endowment for the purpose of wrestling shall be considered a Division 1 program regardless of team size, number of events, or other criteria. This division also includes teams with a full-time paid coach / coaching staff. Other programs that do not have another athletic department program in one of the other governing bodies (i.e., NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA) may apply for acceptance as or be considered as Division 1 but must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Meet NCWA obligations as detailed in the Rules – Policies – Procedures
- 2) A minimum of 11 participating wrestlers (i.e. registered and cleared for competition) or have entered a minimum of 8 wrestlers, in at least 7 separate weight classes at the previous season's Conference Championships.
- 3) Have a competition schedule that resembles other NCWA-D1 programs.
- 4) Have no major compliance violations during the preceding season, major as determined by the Judicial Council.

Division 2 -- Emerging Programs

All other programs within the NCWA that do not meet the above D-1 requirements, shall be considered Emerging Programs (if there is no NCAA / NAIA / NJCAA-sponsored program on campus) or a Club team (if NCAA / NAIA / NJCAA-sponsored program on campus).

Division 1 programs should use the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) for determining safe weight control procedures. It is advised that D-2 teams and clubs also use the OPC or the equivalent.

Division 1 recognition will be for a 3-year period to maintain a stable alignment between the divisions.

Only Division 1 programs are guaranteed an invitation to the NCWA National Duals each year if the basic contract is met (i.e., 9 weight classes filled as of initial weigh-ins, monetary commitment, and administration approval). Division 2 teams and clubs may be included in the invitation pool for National Duals if they finished in the top-5 of the returning D-2 teams from the previous year's National Championships.

SECTION 6 -- ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Article 6.1 -- NCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the NCWA will consist of the following members:

Executive Board of Directors:

- Executive Director Jim Giunta (jim@ncwa.net)
- Assistant Executive Director Mike Eaton (mike@ncwa.net)
- Executive Secretary / Treasurer
- and Director of Awards Lelan Brotheman (lelan@ncwa.net)
- National Education Director Scott Sherman (slsberman53@gmail.com)
- National Officiating Director Henry Marsh (henryamarsh@gmail.com)
- In addition, non-voting adjunct members include:
 - National Compliance Director Kevin Andres (compliance@ncwa.net)
 - National Quality Enhancement Director Bryan Knepper (bryan@ncwa.net)
 - National Communication Director Chase Giunta (chase@ncwa.net)
 - National Director of Development Phillip Pine (ptpine@icloud.com)
 - National Director of Advancement Timothy Veler (TimVeler@gmail.com)

The NCWA Executive Board, along with the Judicial Council, will serve as final arbitrator for all rule interpretations and will have the authority to remove or suspend any program or coach that it deems to be detrimental to the Association.

Article 6.1.1 -- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The **Executive Director** is responsible for:

- a) Carrying out duties as set forth in these rules
- b) Providing support and direction to the directors, officers, and volunteers of the NCWA
- c) Presiding over meetings of the NCWA Board of Directors
- d) Other duties as designated by the NCWA Board of Directors

Current Executive Director: Jim Giunta

Article 6.1.2 -- ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The **Assistance Executive Director** is responsible for:

- a) Carrying out duties as set forth in these rules
- b) Providing support and direction to the directors, officers, and volunteers of the NCWA
- c) Presiding over meetings of the NCWA Board of Directors in the absence of the Director
- d) Other duties as designated by the NCWA Board of Directors and/or the Executive Director
- e) Acting as Executive Director in the absence of the NCWA Executive Director

Current Assistant Executive Director: Mike Eaton

Article 6.1.3 -- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY / TREASURER

The **Executive Secretary / Treasurer** is responsible for:

- a) Carrying out duties as set forth in these rules
- b) Providing support and direction to the directors, officers, and volunteers of the NCWA
- c) Acting as a fiduciary of the NCWA banking and other financial accounts
- d) Keeping the minutes of any and all meetings of the NCWA
- e) Ensuring compliance with all federal and state regulations as pertinent to their role as Executive Secretary / Treasurer
- f) Making and keeping the annual budget of the NCWA and reporting all financial figures at the NCWA designated yearly meeting
- g) Other duties as designated by the NCWA Board of Directors

Current Executive Secretary/Treasurer: Lelan Brotherman

Article 6.1.4 -- NATIONAL COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR (Webmaster) (Adjunct)

The **National Communication Director** is responsible for:

- a) developing, designing, and maintaining the official NCWA website (www.ncwa.net)
- b) responsible for the online registration of wrestlers
- c) monitoring the individual insurance policy program
- d) responsible for all insurance issues and claims
- e) overseeing all methods of communication including online email, the official website, social media, etc.
- f) direct and collaborate with National Sports Information Officer

Current National Communication Director: Chase Giunta

Article 6.1.5 -- NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT *(Adjunct)*

Commencing the 2018-19 year, The Executive Board shall create and finalize the role and description of a Director of Development to fill the existing needs of the organization, including expansion, new team resources and outreach, and fundraising.

This position shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the NCWA Executive Board.

Current National Director of Development: Phillip Pine

Article 6.1.6 -- NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT *(Adjunct)*

The **National Director of Advancement** will be responsible for:

- a) Direct and enforce fund raising and advancement programs enhancements as directed by the NCWA Executive Board

This position shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the NCWA Executive Board.

Current National Director of Advancement: Timothy Veler

Article 6.1.7 -- NATIONAL QUALITY ENHANCEMENT DIRECTOR *(Adjunct)*

The **National Quality Enhancement Director (QED)** will be responsible for:

- b) Direct and enforce enhancement directives of the NCWA Executive Board
- c) Determine D-1 and D-2 status of Member Teams with the advice of the Executive Board
- d) Support the Alumni Officer and National Compliance Director

This position shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the NCWA Executive Board.

Current National Quality Enhancement Director: Bryan Knepper

Article 6.1.8 -- NATIONAL COMPLIANCE DIRECTOR *(Adjunct)*

The **National Compliance Director** is responsible for:

- a) investigating reported rule infractions
- b) presenting his findings to the NCWA Judicial Council
- c) informing the involved parties of the Board's decision and resolutions of the problem

The National Compliance Director is to inform any offender of their violation. All national level violations will be fined accordingly, and all monies will be deposited in the NCWA treasury.

This position shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the NCWA Executive Board.

Current National Compliance Officer: Kevin Andres

Article 6.1.9 -- NATIONAL ALUMNI OFFICER

The NCWA **National Alumni Officer** will be responsible for Alumni communication, events and Alumni Association membership.

This position shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the NCWA Executive Board.

Transitioning National Alumni Officer: Jim Giunta

Article 6.1.10 -- NATIONAL SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICER

The **National Sports Information Officer (N-SIO)** is responsible for communication of NCWA directives, schedules and results to all media sources including, but not limited to, radio, television, newspapers, printed media, and social media.

This position shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the NCWA Executive Board.

Current National Sports Information Director: Scott Farrell

It is recommended that each NCWA member team designate a Sports Information Director (T-SID) for timely reporting of information to the media and to the NCWA.

Article 6.1.11 – National Officiating Director

Effective 2020-2021 season, **Henry Marsh** will serve as a Board Member who would be the NCWA Officiating Director to choose which officials would be on the stage at Nationals Finals and which officials would not be selected for the following year Nationals. This would be in conjunction with the Head Officials Coordinator.

Article 6.2 -- NCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

The NCWA Executive Board shall be elected on an annual basis by a vote of the NCWA Conference Chairmen present at the Vision Forum or another equivalent yearly meeting if no Vision Forum takes place in any given year. Such election shall require 60% majority for the election to be certified by the National Compliance Director, who shall act as the chairman of the elections.

Should the NCWA appoint and/or hire a paid Executive Director, the paid Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the current Board of Directors. At such time, the Board of Directors shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors in place of an Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, and Executive Secretary/Treasurer, respectively.

Article 6.3 -- NCWA JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The NCWA Judicial Council will consist of the following five (5) voting members

Chairman: NCWA National Compliance Director

Vice-Chairman: National Quality Enhancement Director (QED)

Member: NCWA Wrestling Official (*Appointed*) *

Member: NCWA Conference Chairman (*Appointed*) *

Member: NCWA Coach (*Appointed*) *

* *Appointees to be nominated by the Executive Board.*

Persons appointed membership on the Judicial Council shall be nominated by the NCWA Executive Board and confirmed unanimously by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the NCWA Judicial Council.

If a unanimous confirmation is not received, the NCWA Executive Board shall offer a new appointment for confirmation.

The Judicial Council shall render advisory opinions, which shall be made public and posted on the secure area of the NCWA website for all questions of interpretation received outside of official proceedings. All advisory opinions are to be non-binding on the Judicial Council in any official proceedings.

Committee Note: Advisory opinions are non-binding as the Judicial Council may not have access to details and facts that would be required to render an official ruling on the interpretation or application of a rule. As such, advisory opinions merely offer guidance on the interpretation or application of a rule, and nothing more. The NCWA Judicial Council, along with the Executive Board, has the authority to remove or suspend any program, coach, or wrestler that it deems to be detrimental to the NCWA

Article 6.4 -- NCWA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL -- “The Rules Committee”

The NCWA Legislative Council will consist of the following voting members:

- 5 members of the Executive Board of Directors
(Director, Assistant Director, Secretary/Treasurer, Education Director, Officiating Director)
 - 8 Conference Chairmen
- (Total of 13)**

The Legislative Council will be responsible for formulating the necessary rules and regulations applicable to the NCWA and its member schools.

Article 6.5 -- NCWA ADVISORY BOARD

The NCWA Advisory Board will consist of the following non-voting members plus other members to be developed: Media Director, Athletic Director, Medical Advisor, Legal Consultant, National Publication consultant, an Olympic Wrestling Champion, along with any additional specialists that the Executive Board considers necessary.

NCWA ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Women Wrestling:
TBA

College / University Administrator:
TBA

- **NCAA D-I Coaches:**
Jack Spates - former coach - University of Oklahoma
Teague Moore - American University
- **NCAA D-III Coach:**
Jim Miller -- former coach - Wartburg College
- **NAIA Coach:**
Shawn Kelly -- former coach - Hastings College
- **National Wrestling Coaches Association – NWCA**
Mike Moyer - Executive Director
John Licata - Coaching Development
- **USCAA Executive Director - Bill Casto**
- **Tom Lawlor and Mo Lawal - Liaisons for Ultimate Fighting Championships**
- and Bellator
- **Dave Mills – Grand Valley State - Clinic Advisor -millswrestling@comcast.net**

Article 6.6 -- ADVISORY BOARD'S SUB-COMMITTEES - 2021-2022

Tournament Committee:

Chairman: Jim Giunta - NCWA Director -- jim@ncwa.net

Alumni Committee:

Chairman: Jason Balma -- jasonbalma@gmail.com

Financial Development Committee:

Chairman: Timothy Veler – TimVeler@gmail.com

Sports Information Committee:

Chairman: Scott Farrell - NCWA National Sports Information Officer – scott@ncwa.net

Women Division Committee:

Chairman: Kevin Andres – Ottawa University Arizona
compliance@ncwa.net

Assistant Chairman: Scott Sherman
slsherman53@gmail.com

NCWA Quality Enhancement Committee (D-1 -- D-2 Concepts):

Chairman: Bryan Knepper – bryan@ncwa.net

Article 6.7 -- NCWA BOARD COMPENSATION

All NCWA Board members are volunteers. No compensation is paid for any services rendered. The NCWA Board members may request expense reimbursement from the Executive Secretary/Treasurer in advance of incurring an expense on behalf of the Association. Currently, most expenses for the promotion of the NCWA will be the responsibility of the respective volunteer.

We anticipate some expenses being reimbursed as the Association begins to accept money through fundraising and donations. The NCWA does NOT anticipate that it will pay any type of compensation to the directors, volunteers, or organizers soon but does reserve the right to make such payments if the treasury allows.

SECTION 7 -- RULE CHANGES

Article 7.1 -- PRIMARY METHOD TO CHANGE RULES

- a) Changes to the published NCWA Rules - Policies - Procedures are to be submitted to the Legislative Council (*Rules Committee*), in voting format for discussion at the National Meetings which are held at the NCWA Vision Forum each year or as needed. Motions are to be submitted no later than 30-calendar days prior to the beginning sessions of the Vision Forum.
- b) Motions are to be emailed in proper format to: **Jim Giunta** (jim@ncwa.net) and **Lelan Brothman** (lelan@ncwa.net)

- c) Motions, debates, and voting will use the normal parliamentary procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order with the **National Compliance Director acting as Sergeant-at-Arms for all such meetings** or staff as appointed by Executive Director.
- d) A simple majority vote by the Legislative Council is required for a motion to pass; a quorum (defined as 30% of 13 = 8) is required.

Article 7.2 -- ONLINE VOTE VIA EMAIL

- a) During the year, proposals may be submitted for consideration using online balloting.
- b) A proposal must be by unanimous agreement of the Conference Board submitting the proposal or a majority agreement of the Executive Board.
- c) The voting period will last no more than **20-calendar days** from the time the email is issued.
- d) During the voting period, the proposal may be discussed and evaluated by all member schools.
- e) The vote may be cast anytime during the **20-calendar day** voting period and may be submitted by all active (i.e.: paid) member schools. Every team may vote if they are paid members of the NCWA.
- f) A simple majority vote is required for an online vote to pass.
- g) A quorum (defined as 30%) of the active/paid member schools must be cast for the vote to be valid.

Article 7.3 -- EMERGENCY VOTE

- a) Only a Conference Chairman or an Executive Board member may request an emergency vote.
- b) The resolution must be submitted to the Executive Board of Directors who will determine if the vote qualifies as an emergency.
- c) If approved, the resolution will be published for evaluation by active, paid member schools.
- d) The voting period for an emergency vote is no more than 72-hours from the time of issuance.
- e) The motion will require a 75% affirmative vote to pass.
- f) Only active, paid member schools may vote.
- g) A quorum (defined as 30%) of the active, paid member schools must be cast for the vote to be valid.

SECTION 8 -- FINANCES

Article 8.1 -- FUNDRAISING

Schools and teams may raise funds for their local programs through sponsorships, tournaments, sale of items and/or services as well as through direct donations.

Fundraising activities must be in total compliance with all rules specific to their own school policies regulating these activities. The NCWA will not disallow methods approved by the local academic institution.

The NCWA requires that all funds be deposited in separate accounts, specifically designated for team use. The funds, however, may be placed in a joint account with the school's recreational sports department or athletic department and must follow all proper accounting procedures.

The NCWA reserves the right to all name and logo rights involved with items sold or sponsorships obtained. Permission to use the NCWA logo, or name, in conjunction with any fundraising, or any other event, **must be approved in writing**. To obtain approval, contact the NCWA Executive Director.

Article 8.2 -- NCWA SERVICES, LLC

The NCWA has established the NCWA Services division which will be a separate, for-profit entity, responsible for sponsorships, insurance, and other activities. This entity will be separate from the 501(c)3 division of the NCWA. The purpose is to build an ongoing business revenue stream and to obtain sponsorships from businesses nationally and develop business ventures that make the NCWA self-sustaining. The proceeds would be used by the NCWA Services, LLC to pay for expenses including, but not limited to, payment to key personnel and tournament expenses. NCWA Services, LLC business profits are intended to be donated to the NCWA. (Nationals, endowment fund, scholarship fund, etc.). The NCWA shall maintain a contractual relationship with NCWA Services, LLC for profit sharing in areas described above unless revised by both the NCWA Board and the NCWA Services, LLC.

SECTION 9 - NCWA COLLEGIATE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Article 9.1 -- STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NCWA will encourage **Open State Collegiate Championships** for all member schools of the NCWA, NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA.

The state must have at least 3 NCWA active member schools and the approval by the NCWA Executive Board for the state collegiate tournament to be a sanctioned NCWA event.

State Championships fall under the authority of the Conference Board. The Conference Board has the authority to oversee and make decisions pertaining to all state tournaments held in a state within that conference or hosted by an NCWA team within the Conference. Should a state tournament be hosted by, or in conjunction with any member school of the NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA, the conference shall work with those organizations to ensure the wishes of the NCWA, and the Conference are addressed. The Conference Board may appoint an individual or multiple individuals to oversee all or parts of the tournament planning but shall maintain the ultimate decision-making authority.

State Championship Contracts are available from the NCWA Executive Director. A signed contract must be received at least 8 weeks prior to the event. Contract fees are required; team and individual awards from the NCWA may be part of the contract. The contract also includes NCWA liability insurance.

Regional (*i.e.: geographical*) Championships may also be supported by the NCWA and must have a minimum of 3 participating NCWA teams involved.

If a state already supports a similar Collegiate State Championship, the NCWA would **not** support a competing event but would support the efforts of the existing event, provided the NCWA programs were eligible to attend and compete.

SECTION 10 -- NCWA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SERIES

Article 10.1 -- NCWA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SCORING

The NCWA Executive Board has the authority to hold an NCWA National Championship Series. The series may include a National Dual Tournament ("National Duals"), a Regional Dual Tournament ("Regional Duals"), a Conference tournament in each conference, and a National Collegiate Championships ("National Championships"), which is an individual tournament with team scoring. These four events will be considered the National Championship Series (NCS). A team may compete in only one of the dual portions of the NCS in a season.

The National Duals will be hosted in an eastern portion of the United States in even-numbered years (2024, 2026,...) and in the western portion of the United States in odd-numbered years (2023, 2025...) unless modified by the Executive Board.

Conversely, the Regional Duals will be hosted in a western portion of the US in even numbered years and in an eastern portion of the US in odd-numbered years unless modified by the Executive Board.

Teams competing in the National Duals, or the Regional Duals may earn points that will be awarded after the conclusion of the National Tournament in March to crown a "Collegiate Cup Champion" Team. (*see Article 10.19*)

Article 10.2 -- TEAM SELECTION: NATIONAL DUALS / REGIONAL DUALS

All NCWA programs in good standing are eligible to apply to the National Duals and Regional Duals Selection Committee ("NDSC") for inclusion in the dual tournaments. The NDSC shall consist of the NCWA Executive Board and the eight Conference Chairmen. The role of the NDSC shall be to invite up to 16-member teams to the National Duals and Regional Duals, respectively. The method for team application and NDSC invitation process is defined below:

The NCWA Duals Contract will be made available on www.ncwa.net by the beginning of the competition season. The National and Regional Duals Contracts should include the following:

- 1) Entry fee for the duals will be determined by the host and due by the posted deadline. A late fee may be assessed by the host. School purchase orders are acceptable in lieu of immediate payment.
- 2) All fees are non-refundable.
- 3) Failure to compete in the duals after being accepted may result in an additional fine.

- 4) Failure to fill at least **eight (8)** weight classes at the weigh-ins for the duals will result in forfeiture of any points earned towards the Collegiate Cup point system at the end of the season.
- 5) All teams interested in competing in the National Duals shall submit their Duals Contract to the Host to be placed in the applicant field.
- 6) Teams in the applicant field who placed in the top-6 at the prior National Duals shall have their bid automatically accepted.
- 7) The remaining teams in the applicant field will be ranked by the NDSC using competition results and published NCWA rankings available as of December 1st of each season.
- 8) D-2 teams may apply for inclusion in the National Duals if within the top-5 of the RETURNING D-2 teams. Teams outside of this scope may be admitted only if all other D-1 teams have been exhausted from the field.
- 9) If a Conference desires to hold a Conference Dual competition to aid the NDSC, the competition must be completed prior to December 1st.
- 10) By December 15th of each season, invitations will be extended to the teams based on the NDSC's rank order until a field of no more than 16 teams has been determined.
- 11) The NCWA Executive Board will solicit bids for hosting the National and Regional Duals and determine the best site and dates for these events.

2023 – National & Regional Duals

**Men's National Duals at NWCA's
Multi-Divisional National Duals in Louisville, KY at Kentucky Expo Center**

Men's Western Regional Duals - site: Ottawa University Arizona

Women's National Duals - site: Ottawa University Arizona

**NCWA Men's Eastern Regional Duals - site: James Madison University
- Godwin Hall**

Awards:

National Duals: The NCWA will provide 3 team awards for the Men's and Women's.

Regional Duals: The Local host must provide the awards for the top 2 teams from their tournament finances.

All Teams competing in either the National Duals or the Regional Duals must submit an **Academic Eligibility Form** prior to competing in their event. These Academic Eligibility Forms will also be accepted at the Conference Championships. The Forms for both Duals are available on the NCWA website. The forms are to be sent to the NCWA Executive Secretary following the Duals and then the forms will be forwarded to the appropriate Conference Championship Committees.

Article 10.3 -- SEEDING: NATIONAL / REGIONAL DUALS

1) Coaches' Ranking (50%)

50% of the seeding formula will be based on coaches' rankings from the Head Coach of each team involved in the National Duals. An average of each vote will rank the teams with the top-ranked team receiving 16 points, the second receiving 15 points, etc. Coaches should pay careful consideration to head-to-head meetings between National Duals participants from the current season. It is the responsibility of each coaching staff to post results of their duals for the season in a timely manner.

2) NCWA Team Points (20%)

20% of the seeding formula will be based on the published NCWA team points from records posted on the official NCWA website for the current season. Points will be considered up until the weekend prior to the event. This may change to accommodate releasing the official National Duals bracket in a timely manner. Teams will be notified if the cut-off date changes.

3) NCWA Individual Achievement Points (30%)

30% of the seeding formula will be based on the team's entry roster. The coach will submit a single entry for their team at each weight class. For each entry, results from the culminating tournament of their scholastic governing body will be considered (ex: High School State Championship, New England Prep Tournament, National Prep Tournament, etc. for high school season; a recognized collegiate national tournament for college season). The results from the last season the entry competed in will be considered. The entry will receive the highest single point value they qualify for as defined below:

For athletes in their second year of collegiate eligibility or beyond (a returning collegiate athlete): National Finalist = 5 points; All-American = 4 points; National Qualifier = 3 points.

For athletes in their first year of collegiate eligibility: Finalist = 2 points; Placer = 1 point. Additionally, an athlete with a current season head-to-head victory over a returning collegiate athlete will earn the points the returning collegiate athlete would have garnered. For example, if entry A has a win over a collegiate All-American from the prior season, entry A shall receive 4 seed points regardless of eligibility year or prior year results.

A weight not filled will result in a penalty of three (3) seed points.

The point value from each entry will be totaled to calculate an achievement score for the team and those scores will be used to rank order the field.

Special consideration may be given to military academies and preparatory programs

Article 10.4 -- TEAM STANDINGS: NATIONAL / REGIONAL DUALS

Team Place Points will be awarded according to the following scale. All place points earned will be added to the FINAL Team Standings at the NCWA National Championships **after** the Individual National Championships to crown a "Collegiate Cup Champion" team and will receive the "Collegiate Cup" trophy. They will also receive a "take-home" trophy.

The **Men's and Women's National Duals Champions** will receive **20 points**. The runner-up will receive 19 points, and so on down to 5 points awarded for 16th place.

The **Regional Duals Champion** will receive **10 points**. The runner-up will receive 8 points, 3rd place will receive 6 points, 4th place will receive 4 points, 5th place will receive 2 points, and 6th place will receive 1 point. The host of the Regional Duals will provide all awards from their finances.

Teams that enter either of the dual tournaments with less than 8 weight classes filled at the time of the initial weigh-ins may compete but will forfeit all team points toward the Grand National Champion award. Teams that do not complete their contractual number of matches (i.e., leave early) will forfeit all team points earned.

Article 10.5 -- NCWA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Conference Championships will include a Women's Division in addition to the Men's Division.

The date for the 2023 NCWA Conference Championships for all Conferences will be the **weekend of February 25, 2023**. For the site and times of the 2023 Conference Championships, refer to www.NCWA.net "Events" tab for details or contact the specific Conference Chairman.

All teams **must** join a Conference to be eligible for postseason competition. Each Conference will charge a **Conference Membership Fee** to join that Conference according to the following scale: Conference Fees may range from \$100 to \$250 per member school.

Conferences may hold Regional Championships to qualify for their Conference Championships as deemed necessary by their Conference Board. Any pre-conference requirements must be published to each Conference Team no later than **October 15th**.

Team Awards for these events are the responsibility of the host Conference.

Athletes or Teams that do not intend to compete in the National Championships should NOT compete in their Conference Championship Tournament. All athletes **MUST be able to advance to the Nationals.**

It is advised that each wrestler check their academic responsibilities (classes, exams, etc.) and verify that they will be able to advance to the National Championships in 2 weeks if they Qualify.

Article 10.6 - CONDUCTING CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

The Conference Board is responsible for selecting the tournament host and for approving the venue. Bids for hosting the following season's Conference Championships must be submitted to their Conference Board at the Conference Championships of the current season.

The Conference Board is to establish a written contract with the host team. The host team is to establish a written contract with their host facility and that contract is to be submitted to the Conference Board by **November 1st**. The contract and any changes must **also** be submitted to the Conference Board and the NCWA Executive Board.

The host of the Conference Championships must submit to their Conference Board all known information about the Championships no later than **December 1st**. The Conference Board must post all known information on their NCWA Conference website. As additional information is posted, the changes must have the date of the change posted on the documents to avoid confusion with new information.

Handling of Conference Championships -- see NCWA website for a full explanation.

<http://ncwaconferences.weebly.com/>

Article 10.7 - REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1) Signed Contract with the event facility submitted to NCWA no later than **December 1st**.
- 2) Contracting of the required minimum number of NCAA Certified Officials for the event no later than **December 1st** each season.
- 3) Minimum # of Officials and Mat Requirements:
(these are the minimum requirements; more officials and mats may be used)
 - 2 required 20-minute breaks during event.
 - < 50 athletes = 2 Officials on 2 Mats (Suggested fee \$200 each) (\$400)
 - 51-80 athletes = 3 Officials on 2 Mats (Suggested fee \$175 each) (\$525)
 - 81-120 athletes = 4 Officials on 3 Mats (Suggested fee \$185 each) (\$740)
 - 121-160 athletes = 5 Officials on 4 Mats (Suggested fee \$225/each) (\$1,125)
 - >161 athletes = 6 Officials on 4 Mats (Suggested fee \$225 each) (\$1,350)
 - (add \$75 per official for 2-day event)
- 4) Officials Compensation, Duties, and maximum hours should be spelled out in the contracts.
- 5) The host coach should coordinate the final results, wildcards and Nationals entry documents with the Conference Chairman and the Conference Commissioner.
- 6) All certified results and Men and Women National Entry forms must be completed and sent to the NCWA no later than Tuesday AM after the Conference event via USPS Priority Mail.
- 7) All fines and dues must be collected by the host and Conference Commissioner prior to allowing the entry of a team and its athletes to enter the event.
- 8) The host institution must retain the services of a certified athletic trainer.
- 9) Conference Tournaments are required to use FloArena to run their tournaments.
- 10) The Host institution must acquire adequate liability insurance.
(NCWA will typically supply needed certificates)
- 11) Any Team Awards and special awards are the responsibility of the Conference Committee. The Host institution agrees to comply with all NCWA Standardized Conference Tournament Financials listed below.

- 12) After the presentation of Awards, the Conference Board, and conference Coaches, need to meet to determine Wildcard entries, election of the Board Members for the following season and discuss any Conference issues.
- 13) All Results must be sent to the National Tournament Staff as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event. Results are to be sent via email to the following:

Bryan Knepper, Scott Sherman, Jim Giunta, Scott Farrell, and Lelan Brotherman.

Article 10.8 - NCWA STANDARDIZED CONFERENCE FINANCIALS:

Entry fees: The entry fee into the National Qualifying Tournament (Conference) is **\$50** per participant plus any fees set by the Conference to cover their expenses.

Entry fees shall be managed as below:

\$10 of each collected entry fee shall be sent to the NCWA.

After reasonable documented expenses, (*officials, medical staff, etc.*), any remaining entry fee proceeds shall be deposited in the host Conference's Treasury.

Gate Proceeds: All gate receipts shall be retained by the host institution.

(*Gate fees may range from \$0 to \$20 per person*)

Concession Sales: Profit from the sale of apparel, food items or other materials shall be retained by the host institution.

Sponsorships: Any local sponsorship, advertising revenue or donations shall be the property of the host institution.

Article 10.9 - CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

The "Conference Tournament Committee" **must be established prior to the start of the event.** It is typically made up of the following 3 individuals:

(*Primary Responsibility listed below*)

- 1) **Host Institution Coach:** Facility, Venue set-up, tear-down, Medical Staff, Tournament Staff, and Officials.
- 2) **Conference Chairman:** Reporting results and submitting all required documents to the NCWA after the event.
- 3) **Conference Commissioner:** Athlete check-in, Academic and Eligibility Compliance, collecting fees & fines.

Conference Board is to set deadlines for submitting all forms.

The **Tournament Committee** will be jointly responsible for:

- 1) Set the Conference Seeding Meeting date, time and location and conduct the meeting. This information must be posted on the conference's info website a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting.
- 2) Resolve any disputes or official protests during the event, using the NCAA Rulebook where applicable.

- 3) Conducting a meeting **after** the Conference Championships to address:
- Men's Wildcard applications to Nationals
 - Discussing rule changes to be brought to the NCWA at the Vision Forum
 - Determining the host of the following year's Conference Championships
 - Changing any rules / guidelines of their local conference
 - Voting on new Conference leadership (Conference Board Members)
 - Newly elected leadership will take office at the beginning of that year's National Championships Tournament

Holding the Conference Chairman accountable for supplying the NCWA with the event results, wildcards, and all other information required for their conference to be represented at the National Championships.

Article 10.10 -- CONFERENCE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the Conference Championships, an athlete must have competed in a minimum of **two (2) separate collegiate wrestling events**.

An 'event' is defined as a separate weigh-in at SCRATCH weight and the match must be contested. A 'forfeit' is considered as a contested match. A waiver to this rule may be granted by the Conference Board. Only NCWA athletes who have not entered any NCWA recognized collegiate postseason championship series during the current season shall be eligible to compete in the current NCWA Championship Series

Article 10.11 -- CONFERENCE ENTRY FORMS (2 forms):

FORM # 1: Conference Championship - Official Entry Forms: Forms are available on the NCWA web site, and the information must be submitted before entering the seeding meeting of the Conference Championship. The form will supply the tournament management with the following information: Wrestler's Name, school, academic class, year of eligibility, GPA, age, hometown and state, and overall record at all weight classes during the current season for each entrant. In addition, the NCWA National Point Scoring totals for each entrant must be supplied. This will facilitate the seeding process for each weight class.

FORM # 2: NCWA Conference Championship - Academic Verification Form

To verify that a wrestler is an active student at the represented school, the NCWA requires that the school's Registrar verify enrollment data, attendance, and Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of each wrestler by means of the Registrar's signature on the form and affixing their official school seal to the NCWA Academic Verification Form. The Academic Form hardcopy must be forwarded to the NCWA in the Conference Results packet after the Conference event.

Note: Every Conference entrant must be listed on an Academic Verification Form. Either a Conference Academic Eligibility form or a Duals Academic Eligibility Form, and their GPA must be entered, regardless of their academic eligibility. Failure to provide administrative (Registrar's) verification will disqualify a wrestler(s) from participation in the Conference event.

Teams that competed in either the Regional Duals or the National Duals were required to submit their Academic Verification Forms for those events. Those forms were to be sent to the NCWA Executive Secretary who will forward those forms to each Conference Chairman. Those Duals Academic Verification Forms will suffice for the Conference requirements.

Failure to submit the two forms listed above by the seeding meeting deadline may result in a wrestler not being allowed to compete. The Conference tournament committee has the authority to fine teams for late entries. The “late fee” is to be deposited into their Conference treasury.

The number of entrants per team, per weight class, is limited by the local Conference Board. However, the number of Conference Qualifiers in the Men’s Division that may advance to the National Championships is limited to **two per team, per weight class**.

For the Women’s Division, there is no limit to the number of entries for Conference and there is no limit to the number of Women advancing to National Championships. The tournament place each Woman wrestler finishes in the Conference event will help determine their eventual seed on the Nationals brackets.

Article 10.12 -- CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FORMATS

When Teammates Meet in Post Season Tournaments

In both the NCWA Conference Championships and the NCWA National Championships, when wrestlers from the same team meet “head-to-head” during the event, two (2) “bonus points” will be awarded to the winner regardless of if the match ended in a decision or technical fall. This eliminates the potential moral hazard of one of the teammates intentionally getting pinned.

Suggested Seeding Criteria for Conference Championships:

(alterable, but any alteration must be set by the Conference Board and published on the website no later than December 10th)

- 1) Head-to-Head competition
- 2) Returning All-American - same weight class
- 3) Prior All-American - any weight class - any year
- 4) NCWA Points
- 5) Season wins at the same weight class – NOT including Forfeits
- 6) Returning Conference Champion or Conference Placer

The Conference Championships are the final checkpoint for the eligibility of their wrestlers. It is the responsibility of the Conference Chairman, and the Tournament Committee, to advance only eligible qualifiers to the NCWA National Championships Committee.

Weigh-in procedures for the Conference Championships will follow standard NCAA rules. All competitors must report at the posted time or forfeit their opportunity to compete.



Men's Medals



Women's Medals

Note: A request for a medical waiver no longer requires an athlete to make weight the morning of the Conference tournament. However, more medical documentation is required to demonstrate illness/injury preventing competing in the Conference Championships and medical documentation clearing the wrestler prior to the National Tournament.

Timeline / Deadlines:

- 1) **Day of Conference** - all conferences must submit results to the NCWA via email ASAP.
**Export FloArena Results Excel files to the following: lelan@ncwa.net
jim@ncwa.net -- bryan@ncwa.net scott@ncwa.net
slsherman53@gmail.com -- results@ncwa.net**
- 2) **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 (or sooner)** - mail the Conference Results packet via USPS Priority Mail before noon to:
Lelan Brothman - 8737 Grenadier Drive – Dallas, TX – 75238-3819.
Postage is paid by NCWA.
- 3) **Wednesday evening, March 1, 2023** - Scott Sherman will email the spreadsheet to each Conference Chairman for seed recommendations for National Championships.
- 4) **Thursday Noon, March 2, 2023** - all Conference Chairmen recommendations must be returned to Scott Sherman for calculations.

(**Please Note:** if Scott Sherman does not have your recommendations by the deadline, then your input will not be considered).
- 5) **Friday evening, March 3, 2023** - Scott Sherman will submit to the Conference Chairmen combined seed recommendations for their final review.
- 6) Video Assess to Brackets Composition – Time will be announced when all data has been received and ready for the process to draw the brackets.

Article 10.13 -- WILDCARD ENTRIES TO BYPASS CONFERENCE

If a Conference wrestler is unable to compete in the Conference Championships due to extraordinary circumstances, they may submit a waiver, in writing, to their Conference Board to waive normal procedures. This request must be presented, in writing, at least **48 hours** before the seeding meeting of the Conference Championships. The team must present medical documentation to support the illness or injury which prevents the wrestler from competing in the competition. The Conference Board may grant the waiver and award the athlete one of their wildcard entries to the National Championships. This wildcard entry shall count toward the total conference wildcard allotment.

Even though the wrestler may be granted a waiver to the weigh-in phase of the Conference Championships, they must still report at the Conference site, along with the other competitors to complete the requirements of the waiver.

In addition, if the wrestler is not able to be present at their Conference weigh-in site at the posted time, they may be granted permission to weigh-in 'off-site' at the same time as the Conference weigh-ins, have the weigh-in witnessed and verified by at least two individuals. This weigh-in sheet must be submitted to the Conference Board within 24-hours of the completion of the Conference Championships. The waiver application and the weigh-in information are to be included in the Conference packet that is submitted to the NCWA Executive Board following the Conference Championships. If the waiver is accepted, and a wildcard bid is granted, the team must present medical documentation clearing the athlete to compete in the National Championships. This documentation must be presented to the NCWA Executive Board prior to weigh-ins at the National Championships.

If a wrestler is unable to qualify for the National Championships through their Conference Championships due to extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances, they may petition their Conference Board for a Wildcard into the National Championship Tournament. If the Conference Board accepts that their petition has merit, they shall present the petition to the NCWA Executive Board of Directors for consideration. By a simple majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors, a Wildcard berth may be granted, provided that the petitioner has met the weigh-in procedures as set forth in the NCWA Rules - Policies - Procedures.

Article 10.14 -- CONFERENCE AWARDS

For the Conference Championships, the NCWA will supply each Conference with individual medals for the top 3 places in each of the 11 Men's weight classes (33 medals total). Additional medals may be ordered from the NCWA.

Medals for the Women will be the same as the Men's. Deadline for placing an order for extra medals is **January 1st**.

Note: If a Conference does not need the total number of medals (33) for the Women, they should email the NCWA ASAP (*lelan@ncwa.net*).

The local host will be responsible for all team awards and any special awards that they deem appropriate, and must pay for the additional awards from their own revenues

Article 10.15 -- POST-CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS PROTOCOL

The Conference Chairman of each Conference Championship is responsible for submitting the Conference Championship Results to the NCWA Executive Secretary and tournament staff. Each Conference should compete to as many places as possible in each weight class, so the Conference committee will have enough qualifiers to submit to Nationals in case any wrestler does not choose to advance to Nationals.

The **FloArena Results online file (Excel)** must be sent via email as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Championships. The Results must also be completed and saved onto the data media (flash drive) provided with the Chairman's packet. This flash drive becomes an archive of the Conference's recent events.

The email information is to be sent to the Nationals Tournament Committee. Send to:

lelan@ncwa.net
jim@ncwa.net
bryan@ncwa.net
scott@ncwa.net
LSherman53@gmail.com
results@ncwa.net

The hardcopy of the data, along with all payments are to be sent via USPS Priority Mail - no later than Tuesday following their Conference Championships. All Conference Packs must arrive in Dallas no later than **Thursday** following the Conference Championships. Information required will include the following on each entrant at the event: Name, school, class, age, Cumulative GPA, hometown and state, and overall record at all weights during the current season (including Conference matches) for each qualifier. This information will be needed for the souvenir program for the National Championships.

An athlete who has qualified for the **National Collegiate Wrestling Championships** may **scratch** (*withdraw*) from the National Championships, without competition penalty, until

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following the Conference Championships. The wrestler must notify the National Tournament Staff of their intentions by email to **jim@ncwa.net**, **lelan@ncwa.net**, and **Bryan@ncwa.net**. However, the entry fee is not refundable. The results of the Conference Championships will be collected and posted on the NCWA web page. During the week that follows the Conference Championships, the Conference Qualifiers will be distributed across the proposed brackets based on the seeds as determined by the 8 Conference Chairmen and then the brackets will be sent to the Conference Chairmen for their evaluation.

All changes will be completed by the weekend following the Conference Championships and will then be posted onto the NCWA Web Page (www.ncwa.net) for the other teams to view. Any athlete who, for any reason, scratches from the National Championships **after** the deadline (*Wednesday following the Conference*) will be ineligible for postseason competition for one year. The ineligible athlete may apply for a **Nationals Waiver to Compete** in the following year's Conference Championships by submitting the proper form and waiver fee to the Waiver Chairman (Assistant Executive Director) at least 30- days prior to the Conference Championship seeding meeting. The waiver form is available on the NCWA website.

If a wrestler is unable to compete during the Conference Championships due to a medical condition or is unable to complete competition during the event due to a medical condition, they must submit a “**Medical Release to Participate**” form to the National Championships Tournament Committee before competing in the Nationals.

The “**Medical Release to Participate**” form must be signed by medical personnel (e.g.: doctor, school certified trainer). The Medical Release form is available on the NCWA website. **The signed form is to be submitted at the Coaches’ registration session of the National Championships.**

Article 10.16 -- NCWA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT SITE

The 2023 National Collegiate Wrestling Championships will be March 9-11, 2023, In San Juan, Puerto Rico at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum.

More information is available on the NCWA web site (www.ncwa.net) and the venue’s own website for information, maps, and directions.

Article 10.17 – NCWA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the 2023 National Championships for both the Men’s and the Women’s Divisions, each Conference Qualifier for the National Championships will be entered into the tournament as determined by their Conference Championships and reported to the NCWA from the Conference FloArena programs. Entry fees (\$50 per entrant) must be paid by credit card or debit card at their Conference event.

The NCWA will host an annual National Collegiate Wrestling Championships for all Conference Qualifiers. The event will host the top qualifiers in each weight class who are able to participate in the Championships. If a Conference qualifier is unable to advance to the Nationals, qualifiers may be selected from subsequent Conference participants in the same weight class. The deadline for changes to a Conference’s Entries is Wednesday (e.g.: *March 1, 2023*) following the Conference Championships.

The Nationals will be held 2-weeks after the scheduled weekend for the Conference Championships to allow participants to arrange their schedules and transportation.

At the conclusion of the Conference Championships, each **Qualifier and Wildcard** for the Nationals must commit to participate in the Nationals or pass their opportunity to the next Conference Qualifier in the same weight class. Participation in the Nationals will not affect their Conference standing, team scoring or reception of Conference awards. Qualifiers must inform the Conference tournament staff whether they are advancing or not. The staff will indicate this commitment on the Wrestlers Report generated by the FloArena program.

No wrestler’s eligibility shall be called into question after they have been submitted by their Conference Chairman and accepted by the NCWA Board of Directors. All eligibility questions must be settled **before** the Conference Championships. However, athletes declared ineligible after the National Championships will be subject to all applicable NCWA fines and penalties. Preliminary seeding will be based on a consensus of data provided by Scott Sherman after collecting Conference results and rankings provided by NCWA Conference Chairmen.

For the 2023 Nationals, brackets will have 34± guaranteed slots per weight class in the Men Division. In addition to the 34± slots, Wildcard entries may be used to increase the number of wrestlers in the brackets. More details will be sent to Conference Chairmen prior to Conference Championships. The number of National Championship Qualifiers and Wildcard slots for each Conference will be determined by the NCWA Executive Board of Directors and the Quality Enhancement Director based on the current season's Conference participation and will be declared before the Conference Championships. A Conference's placement of NCWA All-Americans in the prior National Championships, as well as other strengths of Conference standards primarily based on published NCWA rankings, may also be considered for additional qualifiers.

No additional bids will be granted or awarded for bids not used at a weight class.

CLARIFICATION: For example, if a Conference receives 4 automatic bids at a specific weight class and only 3 of the spots are used, the remaining unused spot is forfeited, it cannot be used for another weight class.

If a National Qualifier who has been entered into the National Brackets, has paid their National Entry Fee for the National Championships but is unable to compete in the Nationals for any reason, they must notify the National Tournament Staff **prior to this scratch deadline:**

6:00 PM Central Time - Wednesday - March 1, 2023

No additional qualifiers will be awarded to replace scratches. The National Championship Qualifiers are ALL selected as automatic-bid qualifiers or through the wildcard allotment given to each Conference as decided directly after the Conference tournament.

Scratches made prior to the scratch deadline will be listed as a **BYE** in the bracket. Any scratches made after the scratch deadline will become a **FORFEIT** after the first day's weigh-in if that wrestler does not show. **No substitutions** will be made to the National Championship brackets after they have been formatted.

Men's Division National Championship brackets will be built on a 64-man format on Friday evening following the Conference Championships. The top seeds as presented by the Seeding Committee (Scott Sherman and Conference Chairmen) will be placed on the brackets. The remaining entries will be placed on the slots by means of a random placement process.

Weigh-ins at the National Championships will use at least 4 certified scales. The scheduled time for all weigh-ins will be established by the tournament committee, beginning with skin checks, **15-minutes prior to the Official Weigh-in Times at the same location.** After enough time, the Head Official will declare the official time for weigh-ins to begin. When the scales are officially opened for weigh-ins to begin, all weight loss activities must stop.

At the Men's National Championships, individual awards will be presented to the top **8 placers** in each weight class of the Men's Division, along with "All-American" certificates, sport watches and "**Championship Ring**" to each Individual Champion. "**Most Outstanding Wrestler**" and "**Coach of the Year**" awards will also be presented as determined by a vote of the participating coaches **of the Men's Division only.**

Article 10.18 -- NCWA WOMEN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 National Championships for the Women's Division will be held at the same location as the Men's National Championships.

For the 2023 Nationals, all Women wrestlers are required to qualify for the Women's Nationals by means of their local Conference Championships. Each Conference must provide a suitable event for women to qualify for the Women's Nationals. The Conference tournament place of each women wrestler will help to determine their seed at the Nationals.

Each team may submit multiple wrestlers per weight class in the Women Conference Qualifier event for the National Championships.

Academic Verification Forms must also be submitted by the Head Coach for each women wrestler entering the Conference Qualifier. The Women's Academic Verification Form is on the NCWA website. Completed, signed, and certified by the school's Registrar, the NCWA Academic Verification forms must be submitted to their Conference Championship staff prior to their Seeding Meeting.

Hard copies of the Women's Academic Verification Forms must be submitted in the Conference Results pack sent to Lelan Brothman following the Conference Championships.

For the National Championships, Wrestlers must enter at the same weight class for which they qualified at the Conference Championships. This includes both the Men's and Women's Divisions.

Seeding of the Women's Division will be conducted in the same manner as the Men's Division seeding process. Entries will be sent to Scott Sherman after the registration deadline, who will compute the seeds according to the data from the registrations. The top seeds will be placed on the brackets. The remaining entries will be placed on the slots by means of a random placement process. The Final Seeds will be determined on **March 5th** and there will be no more changes to the brackets unless an error is found and approved. Changes are made by the tournament committee.

Entry fee is **\$50 / entrant** - non-refundable and payment must be made by credit / debit card the conclusion of the Conference Championships. A female wrestler who has been registered as a Conference Qualifier on the FloArena Program for the Women's Division, may **scratch** from the National Championships without competition penalty until:

6:00 PM Central Time - Wednesday – March 1, 2023

The scratching wrestler and their coach must notify the Women's Division National Tournament Staff of their intentions not to compete by email to:

SLSherman53@gmail.com, bryan@ncwa.net and lelan@ncwa.net.

However, the entry fee is not refundable.

Any athlete who, for any reason, scratches from the National Championships after the deadline will be ineligible for postseason competition for one-year. The ineligible athlete may apply for a **Nationals Waiver to Compete** in the following year's postseason competition by submitting the proper form and waiver fee of \$50 to the Waiver Chairman (NCWA Assistant Executive Director) at least 30-days prior to the Conference Championship's seeding meeting.

Awards will be presented to the **top 4 placers** in each of the 11 weight classes, along with "All- American" certificates and sports watches and rings to each Champion. Team awards will be presented to the **Champion Team** and the **Runner-Up Team**. "**Most Outstanding Wrestler**" and "**Coach of the Year**" awards will also be presented as determined by a vote of the participating coaches **in the Women's Division only**. Awards are subject to modification by the Executive Board of Directors.

Note: Effective as of the 2023 Vision Forum discussions, it was approved that when there are at least 200 Women entered into the Women's National Championships for any season, then Individual medals will be increase to 6 places per weight class rather than the current 4 medals. Additionally, team awards has been increased to 4 Places.

A weight class will not be contested if there are less than 4 entrants entered by the deadline of March 1, 2023 - 10:00 PM Central Time. Those wrestlers affected by the non-contest rule will be allowed to move to another weight class except the 235-lb weight class; those wrestlers will be notified and will have until March 2, 2023 – 10:00PM Central Time, to make their adjustment

Women weigh-in attire: singlet and optional bra. All women weigh-ins should be performed by female staff or personnel. Women hair must be in a net or braided.



Article 10.19 - The Collegiate Cup Calculations

The NCWA Tournament Committee, appointed annually by the NCWA Executive Director, may alter point values as the Collegiate Cup Champion award evolves. The points calculation process being used for the 2022-2023 season is as follows:

As approved at the 2022 Vision Forum by vote of the Board, calculating Team Scores for the Collegiate Cup Trophy will include the following components:

- 1) Men's Team Scores - Place Point Values
- 2) Women's Team Scores - Place Point Values
- 3) National Duals Place Points Values *
- 4) Regional Duals Place Points Values*

After all the National Championship Matches are completed the various team scores will be calculated to include the National and Regional Place Point Values.

The Collegiate Cup (*large traveling trophy*). The Collegiate Cup Champion Team will also be presented a “take home” plaque. Teams placing 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th will also be presented place plaques.

* Scoring Place points values: All NCWA Programs, in good standing, are eligible to score points from their National & Regional Duals. Placement in the top-8 at the National/Regional Duals will earn each team that is eligible, points towards winning the Collegiate Cup Trophy to be awarded after the NCWA Nationals in March. Teams will not be awarded Nationals Team Points with less than 8 weight classes filled at the beginning of the National/Regional Duals tournament. Teams leaving before fulfilling their contractual obligations will also forfeit Nationals Team Points.

Place	Men's Nationals D-1 & D-2 Totals	Women's Nationals Totals	Men's National Duals (NWCA)	Men's Regional Duals East & West	Women's National Duals	Women's Regional Duals East & West
1	60	60	20	11	20	11
2	56	56	17	9	17	9
3	52	52	14	7	14	7
4	48	48	11	6	11	6
5	44	44	8	5	8	5
6	40	40	7	4	7	4
7	36	36	6	3	6	3
8	32	32	5	2	5	2
9	28	28	-	-	-	-
10	24	24	-	-	-	-
11	20	20	-	-	-	-
12	16	16	-	-	-	-
13	12	12	-	-	-	-
14	8	8	-	-	-	-
15	4	4	-	-	-	-

Article 10.20 – National Awards

Team Awards presented to the top 4 Teams in each Division.

Individual Medals for the Men: 1st thru 8th Place. For the Women: 1st thru 4th Place.

“Coach of the Year” Awards will be presented to one Coach from the Men’s Division and one from the Women’s Division teams. Selections will be done by coaches from the same Division.

Champion Rings will also be ordered for each Champion in both Divisions along with the Coach of each Division’s Championship Team.

SECTION 11 -- NCWA AREAS OF RECOGNITION & SUPPORT

Article 11.1 -- NCWA SCHOLARSHIPS

The NCWA will be actively soliciting scholarship opportunities for its athletes. Scholarship applications must be submitted to the NCWA Scholarship Committee two (2) months before the semester for which funds are required.

No NCWA scholarships will be given for the purpose of recruiting high school graduates.

The NCWA will not limit scholarships within the NCAA guidelines.

Only active members of the NCWA wrestling teams who have at least one year of wrestling history with the NCWA team will be eligible for NCWA scholarship awards.

NCWA Scholarships will be based on the following criteria, which may be modified at any time by the Executive Board:

- 1) Overall team participation within the NCWA.
- 2) Attitude, example, and leadership of the individual.
- 3) NCWA Ranking Points acquired by the eligible wrestler.
- 4) Academic achievements.
- 5) Number of years on the team.
- 6) Financial need.
- 7) Letters of Recommendation.

All scholarship awards will be processed for payment through the NCWA, under the direction of the Scholarship Committee. Corporate Scholarship applications must be submitted by December 31st to the Scholarship Committee, as directed on the application form found on the NCWA website.

Article 11.2 -- SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TRUST FUND

The NCWA has established a Scholarship Awards Trust Fund, which will generate the needed money for distribution. After the fund assets reach \$10,000, then the NCWA will be able to distribute the funds as follows:

- Fifty percent (50%) of all funds donated in a fiscal year will be distributed to recipients in the next two (2) award cycles.
- Fifty percent (50%) of all scholarship revenues donated in a fiscal year will be deposited into the NCWA Scholarship Trust Fund.
- Sixty percent (60%) of the earnings generated by the Scholarship Trust Fund will be distributed to recipients annually. When the Trust reaches \$1 million, 70% of the earnings will be distributed; at \$10 million, 80% of the earnings will be distributed; at \$100 million, 90% of the earnings will be distributed.

Article 11.3 -- NCWA SPECIAL GRANTS

The NCWA Treasury will be permitted to award funds to various college programs that may help to provide such necessities as mats, travel, uniforms, entry fees, etc.

All awards from the Special Grants must be requested in writing and submitted to the NCWA Executive Director. The Executive Board must then approve these requests.

The NCWA Special Grants will support/sponsor camps, clinics, and certification schools such as the following:

- Coaching Camps (philosophy, integrity)
- Wrestling Technique and Conditioning Camps
- Wrestling Officials Certification Schools
- The Overall Improvement of Wrestling's Image

Article 11.4 -- NCWA "HALL OF FAME"

The NCWA has established a "Hall of Fame" for the purpose of recognizing persons who have been involved in the sport of wrestling, making a significant contribution to the youth of our nation. The NCWA will attempt to integrate the Hall with the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The NCWA Alumni Association will develop procedures for nominating individuals for induction into the Hall of Fame. Nomination Forms will be available to active members of the NCWA Alumni Association each year.

The categories of the "Hall of Fame" will be:

- Circle of Champions
- Hall of Honor
- Founders Club
- Hall of Fame Legend

Article 11.5 -- NWCA / NCWA "ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM" AWARDS

NWCA / NCWA -- "All-Academic Team" -- Individual Certificates: Wrestlers with a **cumulative** grade point average of **3.20** or higher will be considered for this award.

Applicants must be full-time students and have completed at least **2 full semesters** of classes to be eligible. GPA records will be collected from the Conference Academic Verification forms. Freshmen are not eligible for this award.

Only those wrestlers who have competed in the National Championships will be considered for this award. The Certificates will be presented at the National Championship site.

NCWA "Top Academic Team Award" will be presented to the D-1 Team with the highest cumulative average GPA from the team's top-8 wrestlers at the Conference Championships (Men's Division - D-1 Teams only). The 8 wrestlers do not need to be in different weight classes.

In addition to the D-1 team, a separate award will be presented to the Women's Division's Top Team, using the same criteria.

The Conference Board should identify any NCWA D-1 team that competed with eight (8) or more athletes at their conference tournament. For each team forwarded by a Conference, the top eight GPAs will be used to calculate a team AVERAGE GPA to the nearest thousandth. This average GPA will be used to determine the top-10 All-Academic Teams at the Nationals.

SECTION 12 -- TEAM PENALTIES - FINES SCHEDULE:

1st Offense ... 2nd Offense ... 3rd Offense ... 4th Offense

-- Use of Non-NCWA Official	\$50	\$100	\$200.....	Disqualified
-- Wrestling a Non-Registered Athlete	\$50	\$100	Disqualified	
-- Not reporting results / late results	Warning	\$50	\$50	\$100
-- Inaccurate contact info on NCWA website	Warning	\$50	\$50.....	\$100

SECTION 13

COACHES' REPRIMANDS & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

When it has been alleged that a team or coach is in violation of the NCWA rules, the offending party shall be notified of the allegations and will be given 10-days to provide an appeal. If it is ultimately ruled that a violation did occur, notification shall be sent to the school's administration. Notice of the offense will be posted on the secured section of the NCWA website as a Section 13 Violation.

SECTION 14 -- NON-COMPLIANCE AND RULES VIOLATIONS

Article 14.1 -- NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE OR VIOLATION

When it has been alleged that a team, coach, wrestler, or member institution is in violation of the NCWA rules, the offending party (hereafter "offender") shall be notified of the allegations in writing by the Conference Commissioner or the National Compliance Director and will be given 10-days to provide a written response to the allegations as set forth in Article 14.2.

The Conference Commissioner or National Compliance Director shall notify the offender of their rights under this section to respond to the allegations. All monetary fines may be levied on offenders without initiating the processes set forth in this Section. Article 14.5 may still be utilized by offenders.

A team that has been formally assessed a fine may file an appeal no later than 14-days after issuance. In any case, no fine may be appealed later than the day of the Conference Championship tournament regardless of the date of the assessment.

Article 14.2 -- WRITTEN RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS

Any offender (or their representative), responding in writing to the allegations as set forth in Article 14.1 shall include the following:

- 1) A recitation of facts underlying the allegations or defense to the allegations.
- 2) Contact information for witnesses who may confirm the facts as set forth.
- 3) Documents or other physical evidence supporting any defense or request for leniency or exception to the rule alleged to have been violated.
- 4) A dated signature of the party or team representative, verifying the facts to be true and accurate to their knowledge.

The Conference Board of Directors, Conference Commissioner or NCWA National Compliance Director may require further information be provided in the written response. The Conference Board of Directors, Conference Commissioner or NCWA National Compliance Director shall provide a notice to the offender if no written response is received, or if the information required in a written response is missing within five (5) days of the deadline to submit said information. The offender shall have two (2) days from the date of notice to provide the missing response or information. On the third day following notice, failure to provide a response or required information will represent an admission that no such information is available, or that the offender is guilty of the alleged conduct.

Article 14.3 -- INVOLVEMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

All teams, coaches, wrestlers, and member institutions shall be afforded the right to obtain and employ legal counsel to represent them in any proceedings herein. Should legal counsel be employed to represent an offender, all proceedings shall cease immediately, and the matter forwarded to the NCWA General Counsel, or any other legal representative engaged by the NCWA. All matters recommended to the NCWA General Counsel or legal representative shall be heard within 90 days of the close of the current wrestling season.

Article 14.4 -- WHEN LEGAL COUNSEL IS INVOLVED

The team, coach, wrestler, or member institution shall forfeit their right to compete effective as of the date of the legal actions and for the remainder of the season, or until the matter is resolved to ensure no further liability arises for either the NCWA or the offender.

Similarly, should a lawsuit be threatened or filed against the NCWA, its volunteers, officers, members, other representative, or similar person or entity by any wrestler, coach or institution, that wrestler's, coach and / or institution's membership shall be suspended immediately, unless and until such lawsuit or matter underlying the threatened lawsuit is terminated and a waiver of all claims is signed by the wrestler, coach and/or institution, or until such claim has been adjudicated by the proper judicial authority.

Article 14.5 -- FINDINGS / RULING

The Conference Board of Directors or NCWA Judicial Council shall render a finding of fact and render sanctions, if appropriate, in writing, within 15 days of receiving a response from an offender (or following the failure of an offender to provide a response as set forth in Article 14.2). Copies of the findings of fact shall be sent to the party identified in the written allegations, the team coach, the NCWA Executive Director, and the NCWA National Compliance Director. If it is ultimately ruled that a violation did occur, notification shall be sent to the school's administration. Notice of the specific rule number violated, and the school of the offender will be posted on the secured section of the NCWA website as a Rules Violation.

All findings shall be confidential unless fines are levied, or actions are required by any NCWA Board or Committee (e.g., the forfeiting of a wrestler's matches, disqualification of a wrestler or team, etc.). Only such information required to be disclosed to take appropriate actions shall be made available to the public.

The findings of a Conference Board of Directors shall be enforced until up to 48 hours after an appeal is submitted and may be continued as set forth in Section 14 or as determined by the Judicial Council or NCWA National Compliance Director.

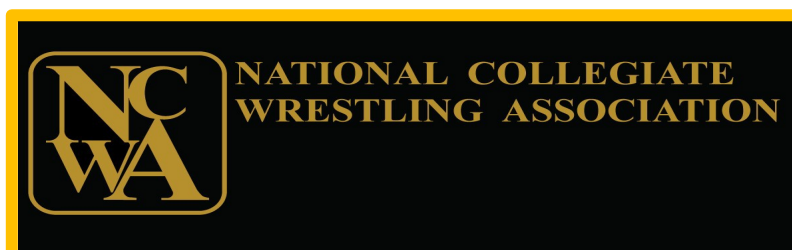
Article 14.6 -- APPEALS

The findings of the Judicial Council may not be appealed for any reason and are final upon the Article findings having been issued. The findings of a Conference Board of Directors shall be appealable to the NCWA Judicial Council for up to no more than ten days of the Article 14.5 findings having been issued. On the eleventh day, any rights to appeal the decision of the Conference Board of Directors shall be forfeited, and the findings upheld.

The Judicial Council shall within 48-hours, make two decisions:

- a) Whether the appeal is to be heard.
- b) If the appeal is to be heard, whether the findings/rulings of the Conference Board of Directors shall be enforced or suspended until the conclusion of the appeal.

The NCWA Judicial Council may hear an appeal at the request of a member of the Judicial Council, even if the findings/ruling is not appealed by the offender. The NCWA Judicial Council may refuse a request for appeal upon a review of the Conference Board of Directors written Article 14.5 – Findings / Rulings and upon a unanimous vote of the Judicial Council. When the Judicial Council either denies hearing an appeal or upholds the findings of the Conference Board of Directors after conducting the appeal, the findings of the Conference Board of Directors shall be confirmed.



Article 14.7 -- WRITTEN APPEAL

Any offender (or their representative), requesting, in writing, an appeal of the Article 14.4 - Findings -Ruling of a Conference Board of Directors shall include the following:

- 1) A comprehensive explanation of the offender's basis for appealing the Article 14.5 - Findings / Ruling.
- 2) Information not provided to the Conference Board of Directors and an explanation of why said information was not provided.
- 3) Documents or other physical evidence not provided to the Conference Board of Directors and an explanation of why said documents or physical evidence was not provided; and
- 4) A dated signature of the party or team representative, verifying the facts to be true and accurate to their knowledge.

The written appeal must be sent via online email to the following persons:

- 1) National Compliance Director
- 2) National Quality Enhancement Director
- 3) National Executive Director
- 4) Conference Chairman of the related Conference
- 5) Conference Commissioner of the related Conference

The Judicial Council may require further items be required in the written appeal or may request a follow-up statement from the offender after the submission of the written appeal.

Article 14.8 -- APPEAL FINDINGS / RULING

The NCWA Judicial Council shall either uphold or reverse the finding of fact and/or sanctions rendered by the Conference Board of Directors, in writing, within 20 days of receiving an Article 14.6 written request for appeal and any further items the NCWA Judicial Council requests from an offender.

Copies of the ruling shall be sent to the offender, the team coach, the NCWA Executive Director, the NCWA National Compliance Director and sent to the school administration if it is ultimately ruled the violation did not occur. If it is ultimately ruled that a violation did occur, notification shall be sent to the school's administration. After an appeal, a notice of the violation will be posted on the secured section of the NCWA website. Confidentiality is waived after an appeal is requested and a finding issued to ensure precedent is maintained in all future appeals.

Article 14.9 -- LAWSUITS AND LITIGATION

The NCWA recognizes a wrestler's, a coach's, or an institution's right to engage both legal counsel and the justice system for alleged violations of the law. The NCWA takes all threats of litigation seriously.

As such, for the protection of the NCWA, its member wrestlers, coaches, institutions, and its volunteers, should any legal proceeding or lawsuit be threatened or filed against the NCWA, its volunteers, officers, members, other representatives, or similar person or entity by any wrestler, coach, or institution, challenging the NCWA's Rules, Policies, or Procedures, in any manner whatsoever, that wrestler's coach's and/or institution's membership shall be suspended immediately.

Unless and until such lawsuit or matter underlying the threatened lawsuit is terminated and a waiver of all claims is signed by the wrestler, coach and/or institution, or until such claim has been adjudicated by the proper judicial authority.

For the sake of clarity, this provision and the resulting suspension are not intended to include any legal proceeding or court action brought against any individual NCWA agent or employee whose purported actions are outside the scope or capacity of their employ or engagement.

Any member wrestler or institution that chooses to threaten or file a lawsuit waives their right to compete, host, or participate at any NCWA team or organization hosted practice or event until the litigation concludes, or a waiver of claims is signed by the member.

A suspension under this section shall render the wrestler unable to practice with any member institution or engage in NCWA hosted competition.

It is the duty of all individuals associated with the NCWA to report to the Executive Board and the organization's legal counsel if any threat or filing of any lawsuit falling within the terms of this section.

Article 14.10 -- NCWA LIABILITY AND INSURANCE STATEMENT OF POLICY

The NCWA functions only as an organizational body and does not accept any liability for athletes during practice, travel, and / or competition. Wrestlers and Teams must be insured by the liability coverage of their respective school. Most programs are automatically covered by their officially recognized school status. All athletes are required to carry personal health or injury insurance coverage. In addition, the NCWA may choose to carry liability insurance and, at its discretion, cover member athletes and institutions.

SECTION 15 -- INDIVIDUAL SCORING & SEEDING METHODOLOGY

This section is to be developed at VF)



SECTION 16 -- MEDICAL ADVISORY on CA-MRSA

(Community-Associated - Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*)

A great deal of concern has been expressed by the wrestling community about various infections that plague our sport. The items below list ways to help prevent CA-MRSA from eliminating your team from competition due to serious illness and/or death. CA-MRSA is a community spread version of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). The items below were published in a recent article in Reader's Digest (8/07). Please take this situation seriously and take appropriate action to prevent contracting or spreading this disease.

How to Protect Your Team:

CA-MRSA is usually spread by skin-to-skin contact with infected people while playing sports like football or wrestling, for example, as well as giving hugs and handshakes. Doctors recommend these steps:

Keep your hands clean:

Washing with soap and warm water several times a day is the single best way to combat staph. Teach wrestlers to rub their hands briskly under running water for at least 15 seconds. Carry alcohol-based hand sanitizer (*Purell*, *Germ-X*) for times when soap and water aren't available. It's also helpful to keep fingernails short and to discourage nose picking.

Cover cuts and scrapes:

Any wound should be washed with soap and water, then covered with dry, sterile bandages until it heals. Apply a clean dressing daily. Pus from infected sores can contain CA-MRSA, so it's also important to wash your hands after changing bandages to avoid spreading staph.

Do not share personal items:

Tell your wrestlers not to use friends' and teammates' towels, washcloths, clothing, uniforms, or razors. People who appear perfectly healthy can still be CA-MRSA carriers. Shared sports equipment, such as helmets and gym mats, should be cleaned with an antibacterial solution after every use.

Sanitize gym clothing and linens:

If anyone on the team has a cut, sore or infection, wash bedding and towels in hot water with added bleach. Wash sports clothing and washable athletic gear with laundry detergent after each use. Drying laundry in a hot dryer, not on a clothesline, also helps kill bacteria.

Remember flu shots:

Since the flu lowers resistance to CA-MRSA, being vaccinated every year helps protect against both diseases. The best time to get the shot is in October or November.

Get tested:

If you have a skin infection that needs medical treatment, ask the doctor to check for CA-MRSA, which responds only to certain antibiotics. Many MDs prescribe the wrong drugs because they do not do a test. That can worsen the infection. Until recently, diagnosis typically involved doing a culture. But it takes up to 48 hours to grow the bacteria in a lab, meaning that people could continue to spread the infection while waiting for lab results. In April 2007, the FDA approved the one- hour Xpert MRSA test, which uses DNA technology to check the nose for the superbug. That gives hospitals a fast, reliable way to screen patients for MRSA before admission.

Soon, the test's manufacturer, Cepheid, expects approval of a DNA test for use on tissue samples from infected areas, giving doctors another tool for rapid diagnosis. Be sure to take all your prescribed medication: Even if your skin heals, be sure to take all of the prescriptions. Bacteria you leave alive today can morph into tomorrow's superbugs.

It is strongly recommended that all wrestlers and staff receive the Covid-19 vaccine shot(s). Also, due to the physical contact wrestlers experience, it may also be recommended to receive the “monkey pox” virus shot.

Recommended Actions for Teams and Wrestlers:

- 1) Mandatory showers after practices and events.
- 2) Shower, or at least wash-up, between matches in a tournament.
- 3) Mop / sanitize the mats before AND after every practice and event.
- 4) Mop / sanitize the mats between rounds of a tournament.
- 5) Wash all practice clothes, knee pads, headgear, singlets, warm-ups, etc. after use.
- 6) Clean wrestling shoes before walking onto mats.

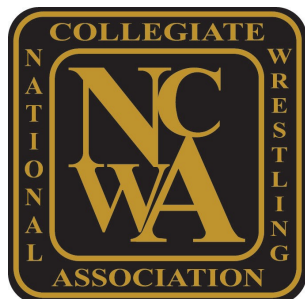
All teams registered with the NCWA must ensure that all mats and other surfaces are properly and completely cleaned and disinfected prior to being used in both practices and competition. Proper cleaning and disinfecting lower the rates of acquiring MRSA, ringworm, staph infections, and other skin diseases and infections. Ensure that a proper, approved cleaning solution is utilized to kill all such bacteria and viruses and that such solutions are not mixed with other cleaning agents (such as PineSol or other disinfectants) as mixing may render the bactericide or viricide ineffective. Wrestling shoes must also be disinfected prior to entering any wrestling surface, and bare feet must always be avoided on such surfaces. It is the responsibility of both coaches and wrestlers to ensure a clean wrestling surface prior to use.

If a wrestler, coach, or other individual has contracted any skin infection or disease, that individual must not enter the practice or competition area. Failure to meticulously keep such individuals from the surface may result in the wrestler, coach, and/or team being suspended from competition in the NCWA. If there are any further questions on this topic, you are urged to consult with a physician, the NCWA Quality Enhancement Director, the NCWA Executive Board, and your applicable Conference Board.

As a part of our partnership with **DEFENSE SOAP**, the NCWA is able to offer wholesale pricing to all NCWA coaches and teams. This is a huge **discount of over 40%** on almost all of their products. This is a **one time setup** that will give you access to their wholesale shopping cart for life. The application just takes a few minutes and, again, this only needs to be done once. If you do not have your school's tax ID, you can use your own social security number. Their site is secure and your information will be protected and anonymous. There is a \$90 minimum required on orders, but the discounts and savings are significant. If you have any questions or problems setting up your account, you can email charlie@defensesoap.com and he will assist you. To open your wholesale account **Click** [here](#).



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2021-22 and 2022-23 Major Wrestling Rules Changes

The following rules changes were approved by the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

All rule changes are effective with the 2021-22 & 2022-23 seasons.

<u>Rule(s)</u>	<u>Rules Change and Rationale</u>
3.13.1.b	<p>To allow referee's video review at open tournaments.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Currently, video review is not permitted at open tournaments. Allowing referee's video review would give referees the option to consult video review and increase the likelihood of getting the call right. Coach's video review challenge would not be permitted because those challenges cannot be apportioned fairly at open tournaments.</p>
3.13.1.c	<p>To allow referee's video review for extra matches that are held alongside dual meet competitions.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Currently, video review is permitted at dual meets but is not permitted for extra matches. The addition of referee's video review for extra matches will allow institutions to utilize existing equipment that is setup for the dual meet. Allowing referee's video review would give referees the option to consult video review and increase the likelihood of getting the call right.</p>
3.13.5	<p>For video review systems without integrated sound, time and score onto the screen, to require a clear view of the match clock showing the match time and score in the recorded action.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Currently, a clear view of the match clock is only a recommendation. Requiring a clear view of the match clock will better ensure the review system is useful when conducting video reviews and watching the video to conduct timing and scoring corrections. Note: The majority of institutions and tournaments have video review systems with sound, time and score integrated onto the screen or already have the mat-side clock visible in the recorded action.</p>

<p>3.16 and 3.17</p>	<p>To change the first sudden-victory period in overtime to two (2) minutes in length and to allow for a winner to be determined if one wrestler has a net riding time advantage of one second or more at the conclusion of the first tiebreaker period.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Currently, the first sudden-victory period is one (1) minute in length. Increasing the first sudden- victory period to two (2) minutes will likely reduce the number of matches that go to the tiebreaker periods. All subsequent sudden victory periods will stay (1) minute in length. Additionally, determining a winner in sudden victory is typically considered to be a more exciting finish to a match than the tiebreaker periods. Determining a winner on riding time advantage after the first tiebreaker period will potentially reduce overall match length, while maintaining the current philosophy for overtime.</p>
<p>9.3.2</p>	<p>To provide wrestlers a 1-pound weight allowance on the second day of competition for all instances when back- to-back official team competition occurs. The 1-pound weight allowance would include those wrestlers on opposing teams who did not compete the day before. The maximum weight allowance is one pound regardless of the number of back-to-back events that occur. The event must be an official team date of competition as per the NCAA Bylaws for the 1-pound weight allowance to be used.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Currently, the rules give wrestlers competing in back-to-back dual, triangular and quadrangular meets, and multi-day tournaments, a 1-pound weight allowance. This change will standardize the weight allowance rule so that in all instances, when official team events occur back-to-back, wrestlers will be provided the 1-pound allowance. Standardizing this rule will help wrestlers better maintain proper hydration and nutrition while juggling the challenges of travel, logistics and studies while on the road and in between these competition dates.</p>
<p>9.4.2</p>	<p>For individual or team-advancement tournaments, to allow competition weigh-ins to be held two hours or sooner before the start time of competition on <u>all days</u>.</p> <p><u>Rationale:</u> Currently, the rules state weigh-ins are to be held two hours or sooner on the first day and one hour or sooner on subsequent days. Since tournaments have early morning start times, standardizing the weigh-in times will make it easier for wrestlers to develop a consistent pre-match nutrition/hydration protocol, instead of having to plan for a two-hour protocol on the first day of the event and then alter that to a one-hour protocol for subsequent event days. In addition to standardizing morning nutrition plans, the two-hour weigh-in change provides a consistent amount of time for wrestlers to engage in appropriate warmup and warm down routines after eating a morning meal.</p>

**3.18.5,
2.2.1.b
and
2.2.7**

To establish a standardized protocol for correcting timing errors. This recommended change has three components

Rule 2.2.1 (dead time)

Rule 2.2.7 (match parameters) and **Rule 3.18** (timing correction procedures).

Rule 2.2.1.b – Wrestling action that occurs after a referee blows their whistle to start (or restart) a match, but when the clock is not running, is not subject to dead time simply because the clock was not running. This wrestling action is subject to possible review/change when/if the referee makes a correction to the match time.

Rule 2.2.7 – Unless subject to the dead time rule, all wrestling action that occurs after the referee blows the whistle to start the match is active wrestling time and earned points shall be awarded.

Rule 3.18.5 – The referee will utilize the sequence below to best determine the amount of time to add or subtract from the score clock. The referee decision on timing corrections is final.

- If available, the referee shall consult the video review system and use the view of the score clock and/or the integrated timing system(s) to correct the time. See Rule 3.13.6.
- If video review is not available or the video review integrated timing system(s) and/or view of the score clock is not useful to resolve the timing issue, the referee shall consult the second referee (if available) and the match timer to determine the timing correction that needs to be made. Referees will correct the match time if they determine they have reasonable positive knowledge of the correction that needs to be made.
- If the referee determines they do not have reasonable positive knowledge of the timing error, the clock will be restarted at the last known time.
- If the timing correction results in a score change, the referee will make the appropriate scoring correction.
- Prior to resuming wrestling, the referee should notify both teams of the changes that were made.

Rationale: This recommended change gives referees the authority and provides a sequence to use when adjusting the time remaining in the match. This will standardize the process and better ensure timing corrections are made consistently. The concept of reasonable positive knowledge acknowledges that there may be instances when the referee may not be 100% certain of the proper match time and they will use their professional judgment to make the best decision. Wrestling action occurring when the clock is not running is not subject to dead time, if the only change is to make a correction to the time remaining in the match. Wrestling action that occurs while the clock is not running is still subject to dead time if a referee's call on the mat is overturned. If wrestlers know in advance that wrestling action is live from when the referee's start whistle is sounded until the referee's stop whistle, then no wrestler is disadvantaged/distracted if wrestling action occurs when the clock is not running. **The recommended changes to Rules 2.2.1 and 2.2.7 support the change to Rule 3.18.**

- 9.7.1 To redefine the playing rules “season” to the first day of classes until the end of the competition season, and to clarify the use of a sauna, and other prohibited weight-loss practices, are prohibited during this time period.**
- 9.5.2**

Rationale: Currently, the rules define the playing rules season as the first day of practice, which may not include the weight certification process. The weight certification process is permitted by rule to begin on the first day of classes, which is when the wrestling season truly begins from a playing rules perspective. Redefining the playing rules season to include the weight certification process will deter the use of a sauna or other prohibited weight-loss practices during the weight certification process and ensure any violations are penalized. The use of a sauna during the weight certification process is both inappropriate and potentially dangerous and needs to be penalized appropriately.



NCAA 2021-22 and 2022-23 Wrestling Rules Book Corrections/Clarifications

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Rule	Current Book language	Corrected language
5.8.6	<p>The current rule has an editorial error that was recently discovered. The current wording indicates that when a grasping the equipment or clothing violation occurs, dead time is applied. This rule language was not proposed and/or adopted by the rules committee; there is no practical precedent of applying dead time in this situation and finally, there is no case book precedent to support its inclusion. Additionally, Rules 5.1.2.c and 4.5.10 both confirm the error in Rule 5.8.6.</p> <p>Grasping of clothing, the mat, equipment or ear protection by a competitor is a technical violation. Any action after this technical violation is considered dead time.</p>	<p>The corrected language will revert to the language in previous editions which is as follows:</p> <p>Grasping of clothing, the mat, equipment or ear protection by a competitor is a technical violation. When these actions occur, any advantage gained that results in points earned (if any) shall be nullified by the referee.</p> <p>Please note: According to Rules 5.1.2.c and 4.5.10, wrestling action may continue if imminent scoring is possible by the opposing wrestler, after the opponent commits a grasping clothing/equipment violation.</p>

Previous Updates		
2.2.b	Wrestling action that occurs after a referee blows their whistle to start (or restart) a match, but when the clock is not running, is not subject to dead time when/if the referee makes a correction to the match time.	Wrestling action that occurs after a referee blows their whistle to start (or restart) a match, but when the clock is not running, is not subject to dead time when/if the referee only makes a correction to the match time.
6.1.16	First Nonbleeding Timeout after First Period. If the first injury timeout is taken at the conclusion of the first period, the non-injured wrestler will have choice at the start of the second and third periods. If the second wrestler calls injury timeout before wrestling resumes, then they are also charged with a timeout but neither wrestler will receive choice and wrestling shall resume in the position in which it was stopped.	First Nonbleeding Timeout after First Period. If the first injury timeout is taken at the conclusion of the first period, the non injured wrestler will have choice at the start of the second and third periods. If the second wrestler calls injury timeout before wrestling resumes, then they are also charged with a timeout but neither wrestler will receive choice and wrestling shall resume according to normal second period restart rules.
2.2.1.b	Wrestling action that occurs after a referee blows their whistle to start (or restart) a match, but when the clock is not running, is not subject to dead time when/if the referee makes a correction to the match time.	Wrestling action that occurs after a referee blows their whistle to start (or restart) a match, but when the clock is not running, is not subject to dead time when/if the referee's only correction is to the match time.

