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NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

2016-17 WRESTLING PLAN
Rules, Policies and Procedures

Dedicated to Expanding Athletic Opportunity to Tomorrow’s Leaders

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The NCWA is committed to a vision that has at its core increased leadership opportunities, wrestling competition, community involvement and academic excellence for all students.

Founded in 1997, the NCWA was designed to fill a gap in the wrestling community created by outside influences such as budgetary cutbacks and 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 stepped in to help provide additional opportunity 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 and an organizer of collegiate style wrestling for our member institutions. We focus on offering expanded opportunities for athletes at member institutions to experience varied styles of wrestling at all levels.

In addition to athletic departments, the NCWA helps build programs under alternative administrative bodies, including student services and sports club departments. Our duplicable 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 and mentors guide athletes in the development and oversight of a successful non-profit wrestling organization.

Because NCWA teams may be funded by students themselves and outside community resources, there are few and limited budgetary concerns for the institution. If, and when, a school does have room for athletic expansion, it is our hope that since the wrestling program will already be in existence, and compliant with NCAA rules, that it will be a first choice for inclusion into the school’s athletic offerings.

The NCWA was founded as a 501(c) 3 non-profit association. We are 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
Mission Statement - Message for NCWA Executive Director

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- **9/15/16** - Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration Begins (*Men & Women*) and ends **2/8/17**
- **10/15/16** - Deadline for current Competition Schedule to be posted on team page on the NCWA official website (failure to post imposes a $50 fine)
- **10/29/16** - 2016-17 Competition Season begins for Men's and Women's Divisions
- **11/1/16** - Deadline for submitting name of Conference's selected Official for the 2017 National Duals Championships at Liberty University
- **12/1/16** - Deadline for submitting signed contracts to enter 2017 National Duals
- **12/1/16** and **2/1/17** - Deadlines for two articles of at least 250 words must be submitted by Team SID to NCWA National SID (*Scott Farrell*)
- **1/27 - 1/28/17** - NCWA National Duals at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia at the LaHaye Ice Center
  
  NCWA Western Regional Duals - site: Las Vegas, Nevada
- **2/1/17** - No New Teams admitted after this date unless approved by Executive Board
  - All Membership Fees must be paid by this date
  - Second team article due to NCWA National SID for publication
- **2/8/17** - Deadline for all Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration
- **2/24 - 2/25/17** - Conference Championships -- all fines and fees must be paid before a team may enter Conference tournament. Teams may not enter Conference tournament without being current on both
- **2/25/17** - Deadline for all Women's Entries for NCWA National Championships
- **2/28/17** - Tuesday - Deadline for ‘scratching from National Championships’, without sanctions, is 5:00 PM EST (*Tuesday after Conference Championships*)
- **3/9 - 3/11/17** - NCWA - Men's and Women's Division
  
  National Collegiate Wrestling Championships
  Site: Allen Events Center -- Allen, Texas
- **7/27 - 30/17** - NCWA Vision Forum and NWCA Convention
  Site: TBA
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 membership in the NCWA. 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.

All Teams, Coaches, Wrestlers and Member Institutions agree to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth herein.

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.

NCAA and NAIA schools that are in the process of changing divisions or associations, or newly established wrestling programs that join the NCWA and have also made application for membership into other athletic associations and therefore are restricted from NCAA/NAIA post season competition, may apply for NCWA membership. These teams will be classified as Division 1 Transition Teams, and must abide by all competition and compliance rules of the NCWA as well as the Association into which they are transitioning, with the exception of the addition of the 235-lb weight class.

Programs that are currently subject to discipline in their respective association (NCAA, NAIA, etc.) shall be ineligible for NCWA membership. Transition Teams must provide written confirmation to the NCWA from their Athletic Department that they are not under any current disciplinary sanctions or review.

The NCWA and the NCAA recommends that every Head Coach and Team President be CPR certified annually and first-aid certified every 3-years.

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 receiving the initial contact with the NCWA Executive Director, a ‘due diligence’ will be performed in order to verify the information and clarify any questions with the Administration of the applying institution.

No new schools are accepted after February 1st of each season unless approved by the Executive Board of Directors.
Article 1.4 -- MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR CURRENT MEMBER SCHOOLS

Membership Renewal:

All participating member schools must renew their membership each year. The Annual Membership 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 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

Full NCWA Membership Classifications:

-- Division-1 - Teams -- Division I status is granted through NCWA Compliance
-- Division-2 - Emerging Programs -- Programs that are moving toward D-1 status
-- Women’s Division – Membership granted by NCWA Board (discounted fee with Men’s team)

Membership Fees:

-- Division 1 / 2 / TransitionTeams .........................$465 + $35 per registered athlete
-- Provisional (1st year Program) ..............................$465 + $35 per registered athlete
-- AD-Provisional - 1st year .................................$215 / no NCWA insurance
-- AD-Provisional - 2nd year .................................$465 / no NCWA insurance
-- Women’s Division Team without Men’s Team ....$465 + $35 per Registered athlete
-- Women’s Division Team with Men’s Team.........$265 + $35 per Registered athlete

NCWA Provisional Teams Men’s & Women’s:

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.

AD-Provisional Teams (AD-P):

New wrestling teams chartered under a University’s Athletic Department (AD) may apply with the NCWA as an AD-Provisional Program (AD-P) for up to two seasons. AD-P Programs pay reduced annual dues and are not required to pay a fee to register athletes within the NCWA.

AD-P Memberships are offered only to wrestling programs that are not members of the NCAA or NAIA. AD-P teams are NOT eligible for postseason competition within the NCWA. They are NOT provided with Liability nor Individual Injury Insurance, and do NOT qualify for OPC Privileges through the NCWA. (AD-P teams MUST be covered with the school’s liability & injury insurance and must name the NCWA as an “Other Insured”.

(Please see: “Qualifying as an AD-Provisional Program” below)
Qualifying as an AD-Provisional Member:

To qualify as an AD-Provisional Member, the wrestling program must carry at least $3,000,000 of liability coverage and a minimum of $10,000 personal injury coverage on their athletes. AD-P team insurance policies with the above minimum coverage’s must add the NCWA, and all NCWA member institutions as “Other Insured’s” at the time of application for membership in the NCWA. Approved AD-P Programs will then be certified to compete with NCWA Member institutions. Competition records of AD-P teams will count on all NCWA athlete records.

Gaining Full NCWA Membership:

After a team’s provisional year, they are automatically moved to full membership in their respective division provided they were able to comply with all NCWA eligibility and competition rules as well as adhering to NCWA best practices. For D1, D2 and Women’s Programs to gain full membership they must have a 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 (see Provisional). Continued rule violations may result in probation and dismissal from the NCWA for a year or more. Waivers on the non-student coaches’ criteria may be granted by the conference for extraordinary circumstances such as loss of a coach late in the season.

Article 1.6 -- NCWA “FULL MEMBER” BENEFITS

Full NCWA Membership, whether provisional or permanent, 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 and 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
- NCWA National Duals Championship
- 9 post season Conference Tournaments
- Membership in the National Wrestling Coaches Association. (NWCA)
- Access to NCAA rules surveys
- National administrative and compliance support
- Team fundraising opportunities through ClinicCentral.org
- Access to Optimal Performance Calculator & integrated sport nutrition program
- Free Marketing / Promotion Toolkit (Best of Brand Promotion)
- Free 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 coaches convention inclusion for all NCWA head 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

*Benefits do not apply to AD-Provisional Teams

Losing NCWA Membership: Teams may forfeit membership in the NCWA through serious or repeated violations of the NCWA Wrestling Plan, or after two years of past due Association dues.

SECTION 2 -- ELIGIBILITY OF WRESTLERS (Men & Women)

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 freshman season in order 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 nationally recognized collegiate postseason championship series during the current season shall be eligible to compete in the current NCWA Championship Series.

If an athlete participates in a nationally recognized 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 after the start of the NCWA season, without being properly registered and cleared for competition with the NCWA, will be declared ineligible for the remainder of the season and retroactive to date of infraction. Team fines for this violation also apply.
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, in order 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 electronically register with the NCWA. 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 Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration and their Waiver and Release of Liability Form have been properly completed, submitted, and received by the NCWA. Deadline for submitting the Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration is February 8th of each season.

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 shall forfeit all competitions in which the ineligible wrestler competed. All team points, and all individual "National NCWA Points", will be lost to the team and its members. Additional violations may result in sanctions and fines, including but not limited to, a team being banned from competition within the NCWA for a calendar year or longer.

**Article 2.2 -- INDIVIDUAL WRESTLER REGISTRATION (Men & Women)**

**Step # 1: INDIVIDUAL WRESTLER ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION (Men & Women)**

Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration - September 15th thru February 8th

Before the beginning of any practice, competition, or travel, all athletes are required to be electronically registered with the NCWA Clearinghouse on the Official NCWA website.

Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration opens September 15th; the deadline is February 8th of each season. Electronic Registration costs $35 per wrestler (Cost is adjustable by the NCWA Executive Board).

The registration fee may include secondary accidental injury coverage during the official NCWA season. Payment will be required at the time of the registration and will only be payable by credit / debit card on the NCWA official website. Only wrestlers who have electronically submitted their Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration, and have submitted their signed Waiver and Release of Liability Form, will appear on the team's roster. NCWA member institutions may assume that wrestlers who appear on a team’s roster within the NCWA website have met all of the proper eligibility requirements.

As new members join a team, they may not practice, travel, or compete in any NCWA event until their Individual Wrestler Electronic Registration 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 will upload the form to the website.

The Head Coach must also sign the completed form and upload the signed form to each wrestler's profile. The Form must be uploaded within 48 hours of the signature. The Coach is to keep the original form for their team’s permanent file.

When the wrestler has electronically submitted their Individual Electronic Registration to the Clearinghouse on the NCWA website, and the Waiver and Release of Liability Form is properly completed and uploaded by the Coach, the NCWA will clear the athlete for practice and competition. Then the wrestler’s name will appear on the official team roster on the NCWA website after a processing period, usually 24 hours.

No wrestler may participate in any practice, competition, nor travel as part of an NCWA team before the completion of this two-step process. Only after both forms (Waiver and Release of Liability and Electronic Registration) are received, and the athlete appears on the official team roster will the wrestler be covered under the NCWA secondary injury coverage.

**Best Practice Guideline:** For safety considerations, it is recommended that a team member have a minimum of 10 practices before entering any competition.

*Note: Best Practices resources can be found on [http://www.ncwaonline.org](http://www.ncwaonline.org)*

**Article 2.3 -- TEAM AND ATHLETE INFORMATION**

**Contact Information:** Each member team must maintain its contact information on the official NCWA website ([www.ncwa.net](http://www.ncwa.net)) at all times. 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.

**NOTE:** Inappropriate head shot photos of NCWA members will be removed if deemed unacceptable by the NCWA Staff.

**Reporting Results:** All teams must post their dual results in a timely manner. Tournament results must be emailed to: results@ncwa.net in timely manner. 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 Records / Stats: An athlete’s individual record and statistics (including tournament results, competition stats, etc.) must be reported on the NCWA official website within 5 days of the competition in order to be considered as a valid competition/weigh-in. 
*(see penalty list in SECTION 12)*

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.

**Article 2.4 -- 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 virtue of 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 3 -- COMPOSITION OF TEAMS**

**Article 3.1 -- TEAM STAFF COMPOSITION**

Each member team has various duties required by the NCWA. The responsibilities that are outlined below are not restricted to the named individuals but may be shared as needed for each team. The team may be coached by an individual hired for that purpose or by a student. However, the school’s policy in this matter will be the rule. In order to share the duties, the following structure is recommended for the team:

a) **Head Coach:** has the responsibility for scheduling events, monitoring practices, responsible for team conduct during competition, electronically registering athletes each year on the NCWA website, and submitting signed Waivers and Release of Liability Forms via upload to the NCWA website.

The NCWA and the NCAA recommend that the Head Coach of each team be CPR certified annually and first-aid certified every 3 years. Each program must recruit a non-student Head Coach charged with the duties listed above in order for the team to be eligible for postseason competition. Coaches must be registered on the official NCWA website before the beginning of each season to be included in the liability coverages. **Assistant Coaches must also register on the NCWA website in order to be present mat side for any event. A team may apply for a waiver for acceptance of a Graduate Student coach.**

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 certified annually and first-aid certified every 3 years. The date of their certification should be submitted on the Membership Application Form.
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.

Each T-SID must submit **by email** a minimum of two (2) articles of at least 250 words per season for possible publication on the NCWA website. One article must be submitted no later than December 1st; the second article must be submitted no later than February 1st. However, there is no maximum on the number of articles. Failure to submit the minimum 2 articles may result in a $20 penalty for missing each deadline. Email article to: NCWAsid@yahoo.com (see penalty list in SECTION 12)

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.

Digital copies and mobile device apps of NCAA Wrestling Rules are available from the NCAA Sports Library at their web page:


**Hosting Events**

NCWA member schools may **host** competition **ONLY** between wrestlers and teams that are active members of the NCWA, NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA. 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)*

NCWA Hosting Teams will use FloArena, at no cost, as the approved software to conduct **NCWA sanctioned events**

**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 the nationally recognized collegiate wrestling associations listed above (NCWA, NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA)

**During all competitions, Riding Time must be used as per NCAA Rules.**
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 a nationally recognized collegiate wrestling associations. (e.g.: NCWA, NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA).

**Point of Emphasis:** Wrestler’s apparel must comply with both NCWA and NCAA rules related to uniforms, warm-ups and equipment. *(NCAA Rule 1 - Section 1.12 - page WR-12)*

**Point of Emphasis:** Appropriate attire for coaches and staff personnel is also required. *(NCAA Rule 3 - Section 3.4 - page WR-22-23)*

### Article 4.2 -- COMPETITION SEASON

The official NCWA 2015-16 Men’s competition season will begin on **October 29, 2016** and will conclude with the presentation of awards at the National Championships **on March 11, 2017**. During the competition season, rules contained in the NCWA Wrestling Plan, 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

Schedules for each Member Team **must** be published on the NCWA website by **October 15th**. Failure to post team schedules by the deadline will result in a $50 fine assessed to the team. Available tournament and dual competitions are located in the “Schedules” section of the official NCWA website.

Schedule may be changed or deleted but if an event is posted, a result is expected to be reported. Failure to report results by the home team may be subject to league fines. *(see penalty list in SECTION 12)*

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 MS Word format. In the MS Word 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 -- 2016-17 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 **10** weight classes for the Women’s Division as follows:

The National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) has developed a weight management program that has been adopted for use by all of the NCWA programs as part of the benefits of membership in the NCWA.

**Article 4.5 -- 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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Failure to use a registered NCWA Official for all hosted events will result in a league fine and will invalidate the team’s liability insurance for the 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. 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 Officer (compliance@ncwa.net)

Selection of Officials for the NCWA National Duals will be as follows:

1) Application for National Duals Officials submitted by November 1st, selection completed by NCWA Tournament Committee by December 1st.

2) Each Conference can recommend one official by November 1st for the National Duals. If a conference is not represented at National Duals, then their selection becomes an at-large nominee and that selection will be made by the NCWA tournament committee, in conjunction with the Head Official.

Selection of Officials for the NCWA National Championships will be as follows:

1) Each Conference Board may select one Official. The Conference Chairman 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 selection is December 1st to the National Head Official

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 have the opportunity to access the NCWA website to use the “Evaluation of Officials” forms that can be used throughout the year. The form is available on the NCWA website.

**Article 4.6 -- WRESTLING COMPETITION APPAREL**

All Competition Singlets must carry the NCWA Official Logo. Logos already on singlets but improperly placed are grandfathered until 1/1/2017. All new 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.

*Note:* Teams may NOT “add” the logo to equipment purchased after 2015. Programs must purchase any new logoed equipment from vendors properly licensed through the NCWA.

**Article 4.7 -- WRESTLING UNIFORMS**

Addendum to NCAA Appearance Rule 1.13 - approved at Vision Forum 2014:
Failure to appear in proper NCWA league competition gear will result in the loss of one (1) team point for each appearance in dual or tournament competition.

**Article 4.8 -- MEN’S WRESTLING COMPETITION GEAR PHASE-IN**

NCWA Required Competition Gear phase in:

Beginning **January 1, 2015** these additional items will be phased in on any newly-purchased equipment:

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-- Regulation Collegiate Cut Singlets with NCWA logo

As of **1/1/2015**

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-- Teams will begin using competition singlets purchased only through NCWAGear as of **1/1/2018**

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-- Competition Mats -- **1/1/2016** (mats purchased prior to 2015 are grandfathered for 10 years)

**Waivers to NCWAGear purchase requirement may be requested, in writing, by the school’s administration overseeing the wrestling program**

**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 logo’s. The NCWA grants both single use and contracted period licenses for duplication and use of the name and or logos.
Provisional Team Gear Exceptions: (allowed for one year with no post season competition)
-- Warm ups -- Shorts / T-Shirts may be used as regulation warm-ups
-- Regulation Collegiate Cut Singlets (Non-matching / Non-School Colors)

Article 4.9 -- 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 criteria at the Conference Championships

For each match that a 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 4.10 -- 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 4.11 -- 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 is 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 4.12 -- 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, 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 4.13 -- 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:
Great Lakes Conference: (GLC)

Chairman: ............................. Rick Bolhuis  
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Commissioner / Compliance: . Bryan Knepper  
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coach.knepper@gmail.com  
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Treasurer / Development:  .................. Jeff Streu  
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Jeffrey.Streu@meggitt.com  
234-788-7183 / cell

Conference SID:  ................. Winston Ruffin  
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(810) 569-5168

Alumni Representative: ..... Grand MacKenzie  
Henry Ford College  
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313-318-4022 / cell

Northeast Conference: (NEC)

Chairman: .......................... Tom Layte  
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Commissioner / Compliance: ..... Henry Marsh  
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Alumni Representative: ..................... OPEN

Mideast Conference: (MEC)

Co-Chairman: ..................... Michael Hornzell  
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Co-Chairman: ..................... Bruce Kocsis  
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Commissioner / Compliance: .... Michael Hornzell  
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West Coast Conference: (WCC)

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Treasurer / Development: ............ Drew Wilson  
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Southwest Conference: (SWC)

Chairman: ........................................ Bob Moore
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Great Plains Conference: (GPC)

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Mid-Atlantic Conference: (MAC)

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**Conference SID: ......................................OPEN**

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**Article 5.3 -- CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Within the NCWA structure, there will be **9 Conferences** with their own local Conference Board of Directors that will consist of the following:

- **Chairman, Commissioner / Compliance Officer, Treasurer / Director of Development**  
- **Conference Sport Information Director (C-SID)** and **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 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 National 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 Commissioner will also function as the Conference Compliance Officer and report compliance infractions to the National Compliance Officer. It is recommended that the Conference Commissioner not be an active NCWA coach.

The **Conference Treasurer / Director of Development duties**: are to encourage expansion of the NCWA within their Conference, including but not limited to, initial school contacts, 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 sport reporters.

The **Conference Alumni Director duties**: are to encourage 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 of the 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 and Athletic 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’s National Championships
State Commissioner, State Director of Development and State Sports Information Director

Article 5.5 -- DETERMINING NCWA DIVISIONS:

DIVISION 1 – TEAMS

DIVISION 2 - EMERGING PROGRAMS

The NCWA Executive Board will determine the divisional alignment for the following season by May 1st of each year. To be recognized as a D-1 Team, the following minimum criteria must be met:

1) Meet NCWA obligations as detailed in the Wrestling Plan.

2) Have a non-student Head Coach listed with the NCWA by October 15th of each season.

3) A team must have a minimum of 11 registered wrestlers posted on the official NCWA website or have entered a minimum of 8 wrestlers, in at least 7 separate weight classes at the previous season’s Conference Championships.

4) Display on the NCWA official website a posted Schedule to compete in 8 separate events (8 scratch weigh-ins) not including the Conference Championships or the National Championships.

5) Enter a minimum of 8 wrestlers, in at least 7 separate weight classes at their Conference Championships.

6) Have no major compliance violations during the preceding season, major as determined by the Judicial Council.

7) Athletic Department funded programs are exempt from the above qualifying procedures and will automatically be considered a D-1 Program during their provisional season. They are expected to comply with all other Division 1 criteria.

8) D-1 Teams should use the NWCA Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) for determining safe weight control procedures.

9) Division 1 recognition will be for a 2-year period to maintain a stable alignment between the divisions.

10) Both Division 1 and Division 2 individuals will compete in combined brackets at the National Championships. At the conclusion of the Championships, team scores will be separated according to D-1 and D-2 status and the team awards, including an “Overall Champion”, will be presented accordingly.

11) The top 8 individuals at the National Championships will continue to be recognized as NCWA All-Americans, regardless of their Division.
12) Programs not meeting the above D-1 requirements will be considered as D-2 Emerging Programs.

13) NCWA teams from schools also sponsoring an NCAA / NAIA wrestling program are always considered as Division 2 Programs.

* Note: The NCWA Executive Board reserves final determination on division classification. Waivers for circumstances out of a team’s control may be granted in order to maintain D-1 status.

SECTION 6 -- ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Article 6.1 -- NCWA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

Board of Directors:
-- Executive Director: .........................Jim Giunta (jim@ncwa.net)
-- Assistant Executive Director:..............Steve Davis (stevecdavis@prodigy.net)
-- Executive Secretary / Treasurer:..........Lelan Brotherman (lelan@ncwa.net)
-- In addition, non-voting adjunct members:
    -- National Alumni Director: ..............Open
    -- National Compliance Co-Officers: ...... Kevin Andres and Scott Sherman
    -- National Quality Enhancement Director ..... Bryan Knepper

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

Article 6.2 -- NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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

Chairman: NCWA National Compliance Officer(s)
Vice-Chairman: National Quality Enhancement Director
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 Judicial Advisory Committee, and confirmed unanimously by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the NCWA Judicial Council. If a unanimous confirmation is not received, the NCWA Judicial Advisory Committee shall offer a new appointment for confirmation.
The Advisory Committee 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 has the authority to remove or suspend any program or coach that it deems to be detrimental to the Association.

**Article 6.3 -- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL -- “The Rules Committee”**

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

-- 5 members of the Executive Board
-- 9 Conference Chairmen
-- National Communication Director

(Total of 15)

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

**Article 6.4 -- NATIONAL ALUMNI DIRECTOR**

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

**Article 6.5 -- NATIONAL SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR (N-SID)**

The National Sports Information Director (N-SID) 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.

Scott Farrell will hold this position. Scott Farrell email: (ncwasid@yahoo.com)

It is recommended that each NCWA member team designate a Sports Information Director (T-SID) for timely reporting information to the media and the NCWA’s N-SID.

**Article 6.6 -- NATIONAL COMPLIANCE OFFICERS**

The National Compliance Officers are responsible for:

email: (compliance@ncwa.net)

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

Compliance Co-Officers: .... Kevin Andres and Scott Sherman are the National Compliance Co-Officers for the current season.
The National Compliance Co-Officers are 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.

The National Compliance Officer may appoint National Deputy Compliance Officers to assist in undertaking the duties set forth herein.

Article 6.7 -- NATIONAL COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR

The **National Communication Director** is responsible for:
- a) developing, designing and maintaining the official NCWA website ([www.ncwa.net](http://www.ncwa.net))
- b) responsible for the electronic registration of wrestlers
- c) monitoring the individual insurance policy program
- d) responsible for all insurance issues and claims

**Directors:** Chase Giunta  ([me@chasegiunta.com](mailto:me@chasegiunta.com))

Article 6.8 -- NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

The National Quality Enhancement Director will be responsible for:
- a) Direct and enforce enhancement directives of the NCWA Executive Board
- b) Determine D-1 and D-2 status of Member Teams with the advice of the Executive Board
- c) Support the Alumni Director and National Compliance Officers

**Director:** Bryan Knepper  ([bryan@ncwa.net](mailto:bryan@ncwa.net))
**Co-Director:** Scott Sherman  ([slsherman53@gmail.com](mailto:slsherman53@gmail.com))

Article 6.9 -- 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.

- **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**

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- Tom Lawlor and Mo Lawal – Liaison for Ultimate Fighting Championships and Bellator
- Dave Mills – Grand Valley State University – Clinic Advisor – millswrestling@comcast.net

**Article 6.10 -- ADVISORY BOARD’S SUB-COMMITTEES - 2016-17**

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

**Alumni Committee:**
Chairman: Jason Balma -- jasonbalma@gmail.com

**Financial Development Committee:**
Chairman: John Piper - Lafayette College -- piperj@lafayette.edu

**Sports Information Committee:**
Chairman: Scott Farrell - NCWA National Sports Information Director -- ncwasid@yahoo.com

**Women’s Division Committee:**
Chairman: Kevin Andres – Ottawa University -- complisnce@ncwa.net
Assistant Chairman: Scott Sherman
shermans@cfl.rr.com / shermas2@stjohns.k12.fl.us

**NCWA Quality Enhancement Committee (D-1 -- D-2 Concepts):**
Chairman: Bryan Knepper -- coach.knepper@gmail.com

**Article 6.11 -- 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 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 in the near future but does reserve the right to make such payments if the treasury allows.
SECTION 7 -- WRESTLING PLAN -- RULE CHANGES

Article 7.1 -- PRIMARY METHOD TO CHANGE RULES

a) Changes to the published NCWA Wrestling Plan are to be submitted to the Legislative Council (Rules Committee), in voting form for discussion at the National Meetings which are held at the NCWA Vision Forum each year.

b) Additionally, proposals are solicited from each Conference as part of their Conference Championships Results Packet. All proposals must be approved by the Conference Board prior to being submitted for consideration.

c) Motions, debates and voting will use the normal parliamentary procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order with the National Compliance Officer acting as Sergeant-at-Arms for all such meetings. The NCWA Executive Board may appoint a separate Sergeant-at-Arms if the National Compliance Officer is absent.

d) A simple majority vote by the Legislative Council is required for a motion to pass; a quorum (defined as 30%) is required.

Article 7.2 -- ELECTRONIC VOTE VIA EMAIL

a) During the year, proposals may be submitted for consideration using electronic 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 30-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 30-day voting period and may be submitted by all active (i.e.: paid) member schools. Every team may vote as long as they are paid members of NCWA;

f) A simple majority vote is required for an electronic 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 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 three-quarters affirmative vote to pass; only active/paid member schools may vote;

f) 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 any and 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 fundraising activities, 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 any and 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 particular 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. 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. 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

Based upon recommended rule changes being adopted by both the National Wrestling Coaches Association and the NCAA Wrestling Committee, the NCWA Executive Committee voted at the 2013 Vision Forum to begin a New National Championship Series at the 2014 National Duals. The objective was to crown a true overall team champion while keeping intact the traditional individual championships that have been our hallmark season ending event. The Overall Team Champion crowned in March will be awarded the Collegiate Cup Trophy.

The Overall Team Championship is based upon a championship series that includes the National Duals as well as the year-end Individual Championships.
The Championship Series will begin as follows:

**Article 10.2 -- NCWA NATIONAL DUALS**

The NCWA will host a National Duals scheduled for January 27-28, 2017 and hosted at Liberty University's LaHaye Ice Center in Lynchburg, Virginia.

All NCWA Programs, in good standing, are eligible for an invitation to the National Duals. Invitation contracts will be sent out to eligible teams beginning in August each season and should be signed by the team coach and the school's Activities/Sports Club Director or Athletic Director and returned to the NCWA no later than December 1st of each season.

Contracts should include an entry fee check made payable to: NCWA, or signed purchase order or credit/debit card permission in the amount of $500. Fee for late entries after the December 1st deadline will be $600 and will be accepted up to December 31st. All fees are non-refundable. No team will be allowed to compete in the event without a signed contract and payment being completed. Teams will not be awarded Nationals Team Points with less than 7 weight classes filled at the beginning of the National Duals tournament. Challenge matches will be permitted to teams with less than 7 weight classes filled with the approval of opposing teams' coaches. Teams leaving before fulfilling their contractual obligations will also forfeit all Nationals Team Points.

A minimum of 16 teams will be invited to the National Duals tournament. The format of the tournament is dependent upon the eligible contracted teams at December 31st each season. The site of the National Duals will be chosen by the NCWA Tournament Committee and contracted by October 1st of each season. Seeding will be conducted by the Tournament Director with the input of participating teams and the Tournament Committee prior to the event.

A women's division may be hosted (dual and individual matches). A high school national dual division is also permissible.

In addition to the National Duals, the NCWA may host a "Champions Challenge" involving the NCWA, NAIA, NJCAA, and NCAA representatives at the same location as the National Duals each season.

**Article 10.3 -- NCWA NATIONAL DUALS SEEDING:**

Team seeding for the NCWA National Duals will be based on the following formula/criteria. Points will be given for the top-24 teams in each category ranging from 24 pts for first in a category to 1 pt for 24th

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 24 points, the second receiving 23 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 in order 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 (20%)**

20% of the seeding formula will be based on the previous season's achievements for the team's best starting dual lineup. If a starter was injured in the previous season, their last non-injured season may be considered. An individual seeding form will be sent out to each Head Coach involved in the National Duals as part of the annual information packet. Points are given for the following: National Finalist (+5 pts), All-American (+4 pts), National Qualifier (+3 pts), High School Champion (+2 pts, college freshman only), High School State Placer (+1 point, college freshman only), Weight not filled (-3 pts). It should be noted that only one point value can be used per weight class (i.e. a National Runner-up would only get +5 pts, not 5+4+3 and only one person per weight class is input on the form). Points for National Qualifier and above are for any wrestling division in the prior season (NCWA, NAIA, NJCAA, and NCAA). Special consideration may be given to military academies, preparatory programs, and NCAA/NAIA transitional teams as the above criteria may not apply. When all individual points are added up, the team with the highest value will receive 24 points, the second will receive 23 points, etc...

4) **Last Year's National Duals Finish (10%)**

10% of the seeding formula will be based on the previous season's team finish at the National Duals. Points will be given based on placement in the tournament (i.e. 2nd place = 23 pts, 5th place = 20 pts, etc...).

**An example of applied seeding formula follows:**

Team A gets voted 3rd in the coaches' voting, has 675 NCWA team points which is 2nd out of the National Duals teams, has 61 individual points which is 1st out of the National Duals teams, and finished 4th last season at the dual tournament. Using the formula, the team would receive the following points: 22 pts (0.5) + 23 pts (0.20) + 24 pts (0.20) + 21 pts (0.10) = 22.5 points

Wherever 22.5 points places Team A out of all of the National Duals teams will dictate their seed in the dual tournament. Any teams receiving 0 points within the formulaic scale will be seeded randomly in positions below those that earned points through the formula.

Final seeding is determined by the Executive Tournament Committee based on the above seeding formula and will be officially released the Sunday prior to the National Duals. A preliminary bracket will be released after December 1st to accommodate all teams accepting the invitation to the National Duals.
Article 10.4 -- NCWA NATIONAL DUALS - TEAM STANDINGS

Team Place Points will be awarded according to the following scale. All place points earned will be added to the initial Team Standings at the NCWA National Championships. National Duals Champion will receive 24 points, Runner-Up receives 23, and so on down to 1 point for the 24th place team. All teams that compete in the Duals will receive at least one (1) team point for the Nationals in March. Teams that enter the National Duals tournament with less than 7 weight classes filled may compete but will forfeit all team points toward the National Championships. Teams that do not complete their contractual number of matches will also forfeit all team points toward the National Championships.

Article 10.5 -- NCWA WESTERN REGIONAL DUALS

The NCWA will host a Western Regional Duals, scheduled for January 27-28, 2017 and will be hosted in Las Vegas, Nevada or another suitable location as selected by the NCWA conference board.

All NCWA Programs, in good standing, are eligible for an invitation to the Western Regional Duals. Invitation contracts will be sent out to eligible teams beginning in August each season and should be signed by the team coach and the school's Activities/Sports Club Director or Athletic Director and returned to the NCWA no later than December 1st of each season.

Entry Fees: Payment by credit/debit card or by check, payable to: NCWA, or signed purchase order in the amount of $500. Fee for late entries after the December 1st deadline will be $600 and will be accepted up to December 31st. All fees are non-refundable. No team will be allowed to compete in the event without a signed contract and payment being completed. Teams that enter the Western Regional Duals tournament with less than 7 weight classes filled may compete but will forfeit all team points toward the National Championships. Challenge matches will be permitted to teams with less than 7 weight classes filled with the approval of opposing teams' coaches. Teams that do not complete their contractual number of matches will also forfeit all team points toward the National Championships.

A minimum of 12 teams will be invited to the Western Regional Duals tournament. The format of the tournament is dependent upon the eligible contracted teams at December 31st each season. The site of the Western Regional Duals will be chosen by the WCC, NWC, GPC and NCWA Tournament Committee and contracted by December 1st of each season. Seeding will be conducted by the Tournament Director with the input of participating teams and the Tournament Committee prior to the event.

A women's division may be hosted (dual and individual matches). A high school national dual division is also permissible.

Article 10.6 -- NCWA WESTERN REGIONAL DUALS SEEDING:

Seeding will follow the procedures set forth for the National Duals Seeding with the exception of the point scale being revised to match the number of teams entered.
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 Western Regional Duals. An average of each vote will rank the teams with the top ranked team receiving 24 points, the second receiving 23 points, etc. Coaches should pay careful consideration to head-to-head meetings between Western Regional 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 in order to accommodate releasing the official Western Regional Duals bracket in a timely manner. Teams will be notified if the cut-off date changes.

3) NCWA Individual Achievement Points (20%)

20% of the seeding formula will be based on the previous season's achievements for the team's best starting dual lineup. If a starter was injured in the previous season, their last non-injured season may be considered. An individual seeding form will be sent out to each Head Coach involved in the Western Regional Duals as part of the annual information packet. Points are given for the following: National Finalist (+5 pts), All-American (+4 pts), National Qualifier (+3 pts), High School Champion (+2 pts, college freshman only), High School State Placer (+1 point, college freshman only), Weight not filled (-3 pts).

It should be noted that only one point value can be used per weight class (i.e.: a National Runner-up would only get +5 pts, not 5+4+3 and only one person per weight class is input on the form). Points for National Qualifier and above are for any wrestling division in the prior season (NCWA, NAIA, NJCAA, and NCAA). Special consideration may be given to military academies, preparatory programs, and NCAA/NAIA transitional teams as the above criteria may not apply. When all individual points are added up, the team with the highest value will receive 24 points, the second will receive 23 points, etc. ...

4) Last Year's Western Regional Duals Finish (10%)

10% of the seeding formula will be based on the previous season's team finish at the Western Regional Duals. Points will be given based on placement in the tournament (i.e. 2\textsuperscript{nd} place = 23 pts, 5\textsuperscript{th} place = 20 pts, etc. ...).

An example of applied seeding formula follows:

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Wherever 22.5 points places Team A out of all of the Western Regional Duals teams will dictate their seed in the dual tournament. Any teams receiving 0 points within the formulaic scale will be seeded randomly in positions below those that earned points through the formula.

Final seeding is determined by the Western Regional Dual Tournament Committee based on the above seeding formula and will be officially released the Sunday prior to the Western Regional Duals. A preliminary bracket will be released after December 1st to accommodate all teams accepting the invitation to the National Duals.

Article 10.7 -- NCWA WESTERN REGIONAL DUALS - TEAM STANDINGS

Team Place Points will be awarded according to the following scale. All place points earned will be added to the initial Team Standings at the NCWA National Championships. Western Regional Duals Champion will receive 10 points, Runner-Up receives 8, Third-Place receives 6, Fourth-Place receives 4, and Fifth-Place receives 3. All teams that compete in the Duals will receive at least one (1) team point for the Nationals in March. Teams that enter the Western Regional Dual tournament with less than 7 weight classes filled will forfeit National points. Teams that do not complete their contractual number of matches will also forfeit all Nationals Points.

Article 10.8 -- NCWA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

- Men’s Division Only

The date for the 2017 NCWA Conference Championships for all Conferences will be the weekend of February 24 - 25, 2017 -- (Friday and/or Saturday only). For the site and times of the 2017 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:

2016-17 Conference Fees may range from $100 to $250 per member school

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

Article 10.9 - CONDUCTING A 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 August 15th. The contract and any changes must be submitted to 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 10th. The Conference Board must post all known information on their NCWA Conference website. As additional information is posted, the changes are to be dated in order to avoid confusion with new information.

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

http://ncwaconferences.weebly.com/

**REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTING A CONFERENCE EVENT:**

1. Signed Contract with the event facility submitted to NCWA no later than December 1st of each season.

2. Contracting of the required minimum number of NCAA Certified Officials for the event no later than December 31st each season.

3. Minimum # of Officials and Mat Requirements:
   (these are minimum requirements, more officials and mats may be used)
   -- 2 required 20-minute breaks during event
   < 50 athletes = 2 Officials on 2 Mats  (Suggested officials fee $200 each) ($400)
   51-80 athletes = 3 Officials on 2 Mats  (Suggested officials fee $175 each) ($525)
   81-120 athletes = 4 Officials on 3 Mats  (Suggested officials fee $185 each) ($740)
   121-160  athletes = 5 Officials on 4 Mats  (Suggested officials fee $225/ea) ($1,125)
   >161  athletes = 6 Officials on 4 Mats  (Suggested officials 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 Compliance Officer.

6. All certified results, and Nationals entry forms must be completed and sent overnight to NCWA on the Monday after the Conference event.

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 into the event.

8. Host institution must retain the services of a certified athletic trainer.

9. **Conference Tournaments are required to use FloArena to run their tournament.**
10. The Host institution must acquire adequate liability insurance (*NCWA will typically supply needed certificates*).

11. Award medals will be presented to the top 3 wrestlers in each weight class. Additional medals must be ordered from the NCWA no later than January 15th each season. (*NCWA will bear the cost of the top 3 medals per weight*).

12. The Host institution agrees to all the NCWA Standardized Conference Tournament Financials listed below:

**NCWA STANDARDIZED CONFERENCE FINANCIALS:**

**Entry fees:** The entry fee into the National Qualifying Tournament (Conference) is $35 per participant.

Entry fees shall be handled 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 Conference 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 on all sales 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.

**CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:**

The Conference Tournament Committee 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 via overnight carrier;

3) Conference Commissioner: Athlete check-in, Academic & Eligibility Compliance, collecting fees & fines.

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

1) Conduct the Conference seeding meeting
   Seeding meeting time, date and location must be posted on the conference 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 event in order to address:
   -- Wildcard applications to Nationals
   -- Discussing rule changes to be brought to the NCWA
   -- Determining the host of the following year’s Conference Championships
   -- Changing any rules / guidelines of their conference
   -- Voting on new Conference leadership (Conference Board Members)
   -- Newly voted-in leadership will take office at the seeding meeting of that year’s National Championships

4) 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**

In order to be eligible to compete in the Conference Championships, a wrestler 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**. A waiver to this rule may be granted by the Conference Board.

Only NCWA athletes who have not entered any nationally recognized collegiate postseason championship series during the current season shall be allowed to compete in the current NCWA championship series. Women wrestlers entering an NCWA Conference event are not subject to this restriction.

The Conference Tournament Committee shall consist of 3 or more members of the Conference Board.

The tournament management of each NCWA Conference Championship will collect **$10.00** per wrestling entrant for the NCWA national treasury in addition to their own Conference Championship entry fees. The fee is to be collected, submitted along with the Conference Results packet and sent to the NCWA Executive Secretary/Treasurer. It is the responsibility of the Conference Treasurer to collect the fees ($10/entrant) and write one check for the amount due as determined by the number of the Conference entrants. This composite check is to be made payable to the NCWA.

For individual or team payments at the Conference Championships, contact the tournament management regarding to whom checks are to be made payable.

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

**FORM #1: Men’s Conference Championship - Official Entry 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: Name, school, academic class, year of eligibility, GPA, age, 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 Eligibility Form - In order to verify that a wrestler is an active student at the represented school, the NCWA requires that the school's Registrar verify enrollment, attendance and Cumulative Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of each entrant by means of a signature for each entrant and their official school seal. This Academic Form must be forwarded to the NCWA in the Conference Results packet.

**Note:** every Conference entrant must be listed on the academic form, and their GPA must be entered, regardless of their academic eligibility. Failure to provide administrative verification will disqualify a wrestler from participation in the Conference event.

Failure to submit the two forms listed above by the seeding meeting deadline may result in a wrestler not being allowed to compete. The tournament committee has the authority to fine teams for late entries.

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

**A Transitioning Team is limited in the number of entries per weight class in postseason competition by the Association into which they are transitioning. For example, only one (1) entrant if the Association they are transitioning to allows only one entrant per weight class.**

**Article 10.12 -- CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT FORMATS:**

**When Teammates Meet in Post Season Tournaments:**

In both the Conference Championships, and the NCWA National Championships, when wrestlers from the same team meet “head-to-head” during the event, they are required to compete. However, no “bonus points” will be awarded. If either wrestler forfeits the match, 1-team point will be deducted for “unsportsmanlike conduct” (UC) on the part of the coach. This penalty is cumulative with any other violations during the event.

**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 same weight class
6) Returning Conference Champion or Conference Placer
The Conference Championships are the final check-point 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.

**Timeline - Deadlines:**

1.) **Sunday** evening, **February 26, 2017** all conferences report results to NCWA via email. Send data to:
   - lelan@ncwa.net;  jim@ncwa.net;  bryan@ncwa.net;
   - ncwasid@yahoo.com;  slsherman53@gmail.com;
   - results@ncwa.net

2.) **Monday** evening, **February 27, 2017** Scott Sherman will email spreadsheet to each Conference Chairman for seed recommendations for Nationals.

3.) **Tuesday** morning, **February 28, 2017** 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).

4.) **Wednesday** morning, **March 1, 2017** Scott Sherman will submit Conference Chairmen combined seed recommendations to the NCWA w/copy to Conference Chairman for final review.

**Article 10.13 -- WILDCARD ENTRIES INTO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

If a Conference wrestler is unable to compete in the Conference Championships due to extraordinary circumstances they may submit a waiver to their Conference Board to waive normal procedures. This application must be presented at least 48 hours before the seeding meeting of the Conference Championships. Even though the wrestler may be granted a waiver to the competition phase of the Conference Championships, they must still weigh-in at the Conference site, along with the other competitors and make weight in order 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. The NCWA Executive Board of Directors will select athletes to fill any open bracket positions to the National Championships based upon the recommendation of their respective Conference Board.
If a wrestler is unable to qualify for the National Championships through his Conference Championships due to extraordinary and unforeseeable circumstances, he may petition his Conference Board for a Wildcard berth 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 Wrestling Plan.

**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 weight classes (33 medals total). Additional medals maybe ordered from the NCWA. Deadline for placing order is **January 1st**. 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. Each Conference should compete to as many places as possible in each weight class in order to be able to submit a complete list of Conference Finalists so that the Executive Board will have a complete list of wrestlers to select from in cases of scratches.

The Results must be sent via email no later than **Sunday - 5:00 PM EST** after the event. The Results must be completed on the data media provided with the Chairman’s packet.

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

Send to:  
ielan@ncwa.net;  jimm@ncwa.net;  bryan@ncwa.net;  
ncwasid@yahoo.com;  slisherman53@gmail.com;  
results@ncwa.net

The hardcopy of the data, along with all payments are to be sent via Fed-Ex / 2nd day - no later than Monday following their Conference Championships.

In addition to this information, each Qualifier will be required to complete a National Collegiate Wrestling Championships Entry Form, which is available on the NCWA web site and provided to each Chairman in their preliminary packet. This form is their statement of intent to compete in the National Championships. If they indicate that they will compete, they must submit their **$35** entry fee (or fee set by the Executive Board), along with their Championship Entry Form, to the Conference Chairman, who will send this information and money to the NCWA Executive Secretary in the NCWA provided Fed-Ex packet no later than Monday following their Conference Championships. All Forms, and all money, must be submitted at this time. The Conference Chairman is to generate one check equal to the total amount due based upon **$35** per entrant from their Conference. The Conference composite check is to be made payable to: **NCWA**
Information required will include the following on each entrant at the event: Name, school, class, age, GPA and overall record at all weights during the current season (including Conference matches) for each qualifier. This information will be needed for the souvenir booklet for the National Championships.

An athlete who has submitted their National Collegiate Wrestling Championships Entry Form, may scratch from the National Championships, without competition penalty, until 5:00 PM EST Tuesday following the Conference Championships (i.e.: February 28, 2017). The wrestler must notify the Executive Director of their intentions by email to jim@ncwa.net and lelan@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 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 (Tuesday following 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’s 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 a medical personal (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 registration session of the National Championships.

Article 10.16 -- NCWA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT

The 2017 National Collegiate Wrestling Championships will be March 9-11, 2017, at Allen Events Center in Allen, Texas

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 -- MEN’S DIVISION:

The NCWA will sponsor 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 qualifier is unable to advance to the Nationals, alternates may be selected from subsequent Conference participants. The Nationals will be held 2-weeks after the scheduled weekend for the Conference Championships in order to allow participants to arrange their schedules and transportation.
At the conclusion of the Conference Championships, each **Qualifier or Wildcard** for the Nationals must commit to participate in the Nationals, or pass their opportunity to the next qualifier.

Participation in the Nationals will not affect their Conference standing, team scoring or reception of Conference awards. This commitment will be in the form of their **“National Collegiate Wrestling Championships Entry Form”** which is available on the NCWA website and from their Conference Chairman.

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 2017 Nationals, brackets will have 34 guaranteed slots per weight class. 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 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 for awarded bids not used at a weight class.**

**CLARRIFICATION:** If a Conference receives 4 automatic bids at 125 lbs and only 3 spots are used, the remaining spot is forfeited.

If a National Qualifier who has submitted their all their necessary paperwork and Nationals **Entry Fee** for the National Championships is unable to compete in the Nationals for any reason, they must notify the Executive Director **prior to the scratch deadline (5:00 PM EST – March 1, 2017)**. 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 scratch 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 the ‘scratch’ deadline, all positions are set. Positions not filled will become a ‘BYE’. Wrestlers who do not report for competition after the brackets have been published will become a “FORFEIT” and there will be no substitutions.**
National Championship brackets will be built on a 64-man format on Wednesday evening following the Conference Championships. The top seeds as presented by the Seeding Committee (Scott Sherman) will be placed on the brackets. The remaining entries will be placed on the slots by means of a random placement process.

Any athlete who, for any reason, scratches from the National Championships after the deadline will be ineligible for postseason competition for one calendar 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 (NCWA Assistant Executive Director) at least 30-days prior to the Conference Championship’s seeding meeting. The waiver form is available on the NCWA official website.

In order to assist the Executive Board in conducting the National Championships, each Conference will be required to furnish a minimum of **3 workers** (or a number to be announced by the Executive Board) who will be assigned various responsibilities during the event. The responsibilities may include conducting the weigh-ins, managing the score tables, gate supervision, providing Officials and other duties deemed necessary for a smooth event. The NCWA Assistant Executive Director will assign any additional event responsibilities.

*Failure to supply the required 3 workers may result in a Conference Fine of $400.*

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. After sufficient time, the Head Official will declare the official time for weigh-ins to begin. When the scales are officially opened for weigh-ins, all weight loss activities must stop.

In the National Championships, when wrestlers from the same team meet “head-to-head” during the event, they are required to compete. However, no “bonus points” will be awarded. If either wrestler forfeits the match, 1-team point will be deducted for “unsportsmanlike conduct” (UC) on the part of the coach. This penalty is cumulative with any other violations during the event.

At the National Championships, individual awards will be presented to the top **8** placers in each weight class, along with “All-American” certificates.

*Team awards will be presented to the top 4 NCWA teams in Division 1 and the Champion and Runner-Up in Division 2. The Overall Champion award may be presented to an NCAA or NAIA champion 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 Men’s Division only**.

**Article 10.18 -- NCWA WOMEN’S DIVISION:**

The **2017** National Championships for the Women’s Division will be held at the same location and times as the Men’s Division National Championships. The **2017** Nationals will be an Open Tournament for all registered members of an NCWA Member Team in the Women’s Division.
At this time, it is not anticipated that there will be a required Conference Championship qualifier for the Women’s Division. These criteria will be subject to modification by each Conference Board of Directors. Each team may submit multiple wrestlers per weight class in the Women’s Division of their National Championships.

Academic Eligibility Forms must also be submitted by the Head Coach for each team entering the Nationals. The Women’s Academic Eligibility Form is on the website.

On-line Registration for the event will begin on February 24, 2017 and ends on February 25, 2017.

Only those who register at this time will be guaranteed a spot on the National Championship Brackets. Wrestlers must enter at a specific weight class and may not change that weight class after their registration.

Entry fee is $35 / entrant - non-refundable and payment must be made by credit / debit card at the time of the on-line registration. A female athlete who has submitted their National Collegiate Wrestling Championships Entry Form - Women’s Division, may scratch from the National Championships without competition penalty until 5:00 PM EST Tuesday - February 28, 2017. The wrestler must notify the Executive Director of their intentions not to compete by email to jim@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 weight classes that have a minimum of 12 wrestlers entered in a weight class, along with “All-American” certificates. Team award will be presented to the top 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.

For the 2017 Women’s National Championships, brackets will be developed based on the number of entrants and grouped by weight rather than by weight class. It is anticipated that each bracket will have 8 wrestlers.

**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.
1) No NCWA scholarships will be given for the purpose of recruiting high school graduates;

2) The NCWA will not limit scholarships within the NCAA guidelines;

3) 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:

-- 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 “ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM” AWARDS**

**NWCA = All Academic Team:** Wrestlers with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher, and have met the eligibility requirements to wrestle in postseason competition, 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 Eligibility forms. **Freshmen are not eligible for this award.**

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

SECTION 14 -- NON-COMPLIANCE & 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 National Compliance Officer and will be given 10-days to provide a written response to the allegations, as set forth in Article 5.2. The Conference Commissioner or National Compliance Officer 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 of the processes in Articles 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4. Article 5.5 may still be utilized by offenders.

Article 14.2 -- WRITTEN RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS

Any offender (or their representative), responding in writing to the allegations as set forth in Article 5.1 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; and
4) A 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 Officer may require further information be provided in the written response.

The Conference Board of Directors, Conference Commissioner or NCWA National Compliance Officer shall provide a notice to the offender if no written response is received, or if information required in a written response is missing within five days of the deadline to submit said information. The offender shall have two 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. The team, coach, wrestler or member institution shall forfeit their right to compete 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.

**Article 14.4 -- FINDINGS / RULING**

The Conference Board of Directors or NCWA National 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 5.2). 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 Officer. 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 Article 5.4.

**Article 14.5 -- APPEALS**

The findings of the National Judicial Council may not be appealed for any reason, and are final upon the Article 5.4 findings having been issued.

The findings of a Conference Board of Directors shall be appealable to the NCWA National Judicial Council for up to no more than ten days of the Article 5.4 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 National Judicial Council shall within 48 hours, make two decisions:

Whether the appeal is to be heard; and

a) 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 National Judicial Council may hear an appeal at the request of a member of the National Judicial Council, even if the findings/ruling is not appealed by the offender.

The NCWA National Judicial Council may refuse a request for appeal upon a review of the Conference Board of Directors written Article 5.4 Findings/Rulings and upon a unanimous vote of the National Judicial Council. At such time as the National Judicial Council either denies to hear 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 14.6 -- WRITTEN APPEAL**

Any offender (or their representative), requesting—in writing—an appeal of the Article 5.4 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 5.4 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 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 electronic mail to the following persons:

1) National Compliance Officer
2) National Quality Enhancement Director
3) National Executive Director
4) Conference Chairman
5) Conference Commissioner

The National 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 14.7 -- APPEAL FINDINGS / RULING**

The NCWA National 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 5.5 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, and the NCWA National Compliance Officer. 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 in order to ensure precedent is maintained in all future appeals.

**SECTION 15 -- INDIVIDUAL SCORING & SEEDING METHODOLOGY**

*This section is to be developed at a later 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.

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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.

Don't 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 don't 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. Next year, 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 prescription. Bacteria you leave alive today can morph into tomorrow's superbugs.

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, head gear, singlets, warm-ups, etc. after use
6) Clean wrestling shoes before walking onto mats
For more information, please contact the NCWA Executive Director (Jim Giunta) at:

1-866-894-5094 -- NCWA FAX Line  (toll-free)
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Men’s and Women’s Divisions Web-Site:  www.ncwa.net

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## 2016 NCWA NATIONAL DUALS

Held at: Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center  
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For complete brackets, go to: ncwa.net/duals

### National Championship Team Points

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2016 NCWA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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March 14-16, 2016

The web link ([www.ncwa.net](http://www.ncwa.net)) will direct you to the Complete Final Results of the data and brackets for the Men’s & Women’s Divisions

### 2016 – NCWA – Nationals – Team Scores

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March 10-12, 2015 ---- Silver Spurs Arena ---- Kissimmee, Florida

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