

2009 NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS: ALLOCATION OF QUALIFIER CRITERIA TALKING POINTS

2009 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships Qualifier Facts

- It is the intent of the committee to allocate between 250-300 automatic qualifiers of the 330 championships field in 2009 using a primary criteria formula.
- Wildcard selections at qualifying events have been eliminated.
- All weight classes at the 2009 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships will consist of 33 wrestlers.
- At-large qualifiers (formerly known as wildcards) will be announced on March 11, 2009.

2009 Qualifier Allocation: Primary Criteria Formula

- 2009 automatic qualifiers will be determined by using the primary criteria formula and will be communicated to all qualifying events on February 26, 2009.
- On February 23, 2009, wrestlers in each weight class will be measured on the following:
 - Winning percentage (Win %) - Win % is defined as Division I wins divided by total Division I matches contested.
 - Rating Percentage Index (RPI) - RPI is defined as Win % *multiplied by* opponents' Win % *multiplied by* opponents' opponents' Win % (15 match minimum).
 - Coaches' Ranking (CR) – CR is defined as the weight class specific ranking as determined by the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships Pre-seed Committee.
- Gold Standard – Wrestlers that meet or exceed threshold levels for all three measures.
- Silver Standard – Wrestlers that meet or exceed threshold levels for any two of the three measures.
- All Gold and Silver Standard wrestlers will earn a qualifier position for their respective weight class at their respective qualifying event.
- If a qualifying event does not have any Gold or Silver Standard wrestlers at a weight class, one qualifier position will be allocated for that qualifying event's champion at that weight class.
- Threshold levels may slide up or down in concert (i.e., slide up to .800 Win%, Top 20 RPI and Top 20 CR or slide down to .700 Win %, Top 30 RPI and Top 30 CR) to achieve a total number of automatic qualifiers in the desired range.

2009 Qualifier Allocation: Secondary Criteria Formula

- After all qualifying events have concluded, the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee will meet in-person to select at-large qualifiers using secondary criteria.
- On March 9, 2009, wrestlers in each weight class will receive an updated Win % and RPI, through the qualifying events. "Bronze Standard" wrestlers will be measured on the following:
 - .700 Win %
 - Top 33 RPI
 - Top 33 CR (2/23/09 measure)
 - .700 winning percentage against all competition
 - One win against a wrestler receiving automatic qualification
 - Qualifying event placement one below automatic qualification
- Only Bronze Standard wrestlers will be eligible for selection as at-large qualifiers.
- The NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee will evaluate the Bronze Standard wrestlers by using:
 - Head-to-head competition
 - Qualifying event placement
 - Quality wins
 - Results against common opponents
 - Win %
 - RPI
 - CR
 - Number of matches contested at that weight class
- A wrestler must have participated in their respective conference or regional qualifying tournament in order to be considered for at-large selection to the championships.