



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

- **Selection criteria modifications.**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

a. Selection criteria (rating percentage index).

- (1) Recommendation. Remove rating percentage index (RPI) as an objective criterion to award pre-allocated spots to conferences and for at-large selection and seeding purposes.
- (2) Effective date. 2021 championships only.
- (3) Rationale. The RPI as an objective selection criterion will be obscured because of the limited number of matches wrestlers will be able to compete in. Moreover, many wrestlers will be limited to conference competition, further making the RPI less reliable as a true measure. RPI will still be calculated for wrestlers and the committee may use the RPI subjectively to compare wrestlers with similar resumes. However, the RPI will NOT be included in the established selection criteria or included in the aggregate selection formula.
- (4) Estimated budget impact. None.
- (5) Student-athlete impact. None.

b. Selection criteria (historical data).

- (1) Recommendation. Use historical data to pre-allocate spots across eligible conferences.
- (2) Effective date. 2021 championships only.
- (3) Rationale. There will not be as many matches in 2020-21 to effectively allocate spots. Using a five-year average for conference allocations is a

reasonable way to allocate for this year. There is precedent in using historical data, as it was the process used prior to 2011.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. None.

c. Selection criteria (match minimum).

(1) Recommendation. Wrestlers must wrestle a minimum of four matches at the respective championship weight class to be eligible for at-large consideration.

(2) Effective date. 2021 championships only.

(3) Rationale. Due to COVID-19 related concerns, most teams will not be competing until January, and may be limited to one competition per week. Thus, drastically reducing the opportunities for competition.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. Allows for wrestlers to still be considered for championship selections even with a shortened season with fewer competition opportunities.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Coaches ranking.** Remove the first coaches ranking in January and reduce the minimum number of matches at a weight class to be eligible to be ranked in that weight class from five to four.

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NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee November 16, 2020, Videoconference	
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