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2008-09 WCWA WRESTLING IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 **RELEASE** of 1st Wrestling Team & Individual Ratings. Every 3 weeks until National Tournament.

November 1 **Dead line for membership dues.**

January 15 **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for Champions of Character Team Award nomination materials.

January 25 **DEADLINE** for entries to WCWA Women's National Championships

January 25 **RECEIPT DEADLINE** for All-America Scholar-Athlete submissions/nominations. Forms may also be submitted during registration for the national championships

January 28 **Annual WCWA Business Meeting at Menlo College**

January 28 **WCWA National Hall of Fame Banquet.** Recognition of Hall of Fame inductee, Scholar Athletes and Teams at Menlo College.

January 29 **WCWA Women's National Championships** January 29, 2009 at Menlo College

January 29 **WCWA Wrestling Coach of the Year and Most Outstanding Wrestler**

Release dates for 2010-11 WCWA Wrestling Team and Individual Ranking

October	1st	Preseason Rankings
November	1st	
December	1st	
January	1st	
January	25th	Final Rankings

WCWA WRESTLING FIVE-YEAR CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

2009
January 31 7th Annual National Championships
Site – Missouri Valley College Marshall, Missouri

2010
January 30th 8th Annual National Championships
Site-Missouri Valley College Marshall, Missouri

2011
January 29th 9th Annual National Championships
Menlo College Atherton, California

2012
January 28th 10th Annual National Championships

2013
January 26th 11th Annual National Championships

OFFICIAL WCWA WEBSITE

www.themat.com

www.womenscollegewrestling.com

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GENERAL INFORMATION

II. HISTORY

A. WCWA

The Women's College Wrestling Association (WCWA) is a completely autonomous association currently administering programs of intercollegiate athletics participating in the sport of women's wrestling in accredited colleges and universities. The fundamental intent of the WCWA is that intercollegiate athletics is an integral part of the total educational program of the institution. This belief is strongly reflected in the governing documents, activities and organizational structure of the Association.

Established in 2008 The WCWA will become the first intercollegiate women's wrestling association governing body to provide championship opportunities for collegiate women's championships.

B. Current Wrestling Programs (only colleges with paid dues will be listed)

Wayland Baptist
Jamestown University
King College
Lindenwood University
Menlo College
Missouri Baptist College
Missouri Valley College
Northern Michigan-USOEC
Oklahoma City University
The University of the Cumberland
Wisconsin River Falls University
Simon Frazier
University of Regina

C. Membership

WCWA shall be all college or university programs that have paid annual dues of \$200.00.

1. Dues will be sent to current Treasure.
2. Membership allows each school 1 vote on all issues governing the WCWA.
3. Membership voting rights will be extended only to members with a minimum of 5 eligible athletes.
4. Eligible athletes must be submitted and approved by the eligibility chairman.
5. Canadian Team membership is limited to NAIA affiliated institutions.
6. Membership dues to be used to offset cost of hosting WCWA Nationals. (All awards for National Tournament to be paid by WCWA)

D. Past Champions

YEAR	SITE	CHAMPION	POINTS	RUNNER-UP	POINTS
2010	Missouri Valley College	Oklahoma City University	125	The University of the Cumberland	76
2009	Missouri Valley College	Oklahoma City University	117	The University of the Cumberland	86
2008	Oklahoma City University	The University of Cumberland	118	Oklahoma City University	117
2007	Pacific University	The University of Cumberland			
2006		The University of Cumberland			
2005		Missouri Valley College			
2004		Missouri Valley College			

E. Coaches of the Year

2010	Archie Randall	Oklahoma City University
2009	Lee Allen	Menlo College
2008	Kip Flanik	The University of the Cumberland

F. WCWA Hall of Fame – Wrestling Inductees

Athletes

Need Nominations for 2009 Banquet		

Coaches

Need Nominations for 2009 Banquet		

Meritorious Service

Need Nominations for 2009 Banquet		

III. COACHES ASSOCIATION

A. WCWA Wrestling Coaches Association

The WCWA-Wrestling Coaches Association is an organization of collegiate wrestling coaches at WCWA member institutions. The WCWA meets annually, conducting its business in conjunction with the WCWA Wrestling National Championships. Only paid members are allowed voting privileges. Quorum will be 50 % of paid membership plus one. Meeting Dates WCWA National Championships, USA University Nationals, USA Senior Nationals, NWCA National Duals, and meetings call by president of WCWA

B. President

2010-11	Carl Murphree	Missouri Valley College
2008-09	Kevin Black	Wisconsin River Falls

C. OTHER OFFICERS

Vice-President

2010-11	Brian Jackson	Missouri Baptist College
2008-09	Toccara Montgomery	The University of the Cumberland

Secretary

2010-11	Jake Dieffenbach	Lindenwood University
2008-09	Link Davis	Oklahoma City University

Treasure **Tournament Host**

Eligibility Chairperson

2010-11
2008-09

Link Davis
Brian Jackson

Oklahoma City University
Missouri Baptist College

Sports Information/Ranking/Scholar Athlete Awards

2010-11 Cisco Cole
2008-09 Cisco Cole

Jamestown College
Jamestown College

Web Master

2010-11 Kevin Black

University of Wisconsin River Falls

Over Site Panel

Brian Jackson (chairperson) Missouri Baptist College, Archie Randall-Oklahoma City University, Jake Dieffenbach-Lindenwood, University, Cisco Cole-Jamestown, Mike Jones-Simon Frazier, Joan Fulp-Allen Menlo.

IV. WRESTLING AWARDS

A. WCWA Scholar-Athlete

WCWA Scholar-Athlete awards are given annually to the most outstanding student-athletes in the NAIA. The program recognizes excellence in the classroom while competing in a sport.

The following criteria for Scholar-Athletes are applied:

There shall be no minimum or maximum number selected.

Nominee **must** be a sophomore or above in academic standing.

Nominee **must** have a cumulative 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Nominee **must** have been in attendance at nominating institution for one full academic year.

Nominee **must** appear on eligibility certificate for sport in which nominated.

Nominee **must** be nominated for the award.

Nomination form **must** be received prior to the deadline.

Nomination packet **must** be complete at the time of receipt, including appropriate signatures.

Faxed nominations will be accepted.

Nomination packets require the signatures of the **athletics director**, **faculty athletic representative**, and **the head coach**. WCWA will not be responsible for nominations that are lost in the mail when not sent by one of the above listed methods. Please refer to **Appendix A** for award criteria/information and **Appendix B** for nomination form.

B. WCWA Scholar Team Award

In recognition of academic achievement, the WCWA names a Scholar Team based on a 3.0 annual GPA on a 4.0 scale (for the year of competition), all members of the team who appear on the eligibility certificate and compete at WCWA National Tournament will be included in the GPA compilation. Please refer to **Appendix C** for award criteria/information and **Appendix D** for nomination form.

C. National Wrestler of the Year

The WCWA National Wrestler of the Year is voted upon by coaches at the WCWA College Women's National Wrestling Championships.

D. National Coach of the Year

The WCWA National Coach of the Year is voted upon by coaches at the WCWA College Women's National Wrestling Championships.

E. National Championship Awards

Official WCWA individual awards for All-America recognition will be presented to the first six individuals in each weight class at the national championships. Team trophies will be awarded to the top two teams.

F. Ordering Awards

Official WCWA postseason awards MUST be standardized and have WCWA logo on them. **Awards will be purchased from Midwest Trophy Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Awards will include championship banner. (Ask for the NAIA National Championship Wrestling Awards)**

G. Hall of Fame

The WCWA Hall of Fame Award is the highest honor presented by the Women's College Wrestling Association Athletics. Nominees must be persons of outstanding quality, high moral character, and fine leadership ability and must be held in high esteem by their colleagues, former coaches and former athletes. The Hall of Fame program honors individuals in three categories: Meritorious Service, Coach and Athlete. Please refer to **Appendix G** for award criteria/information and **Appendix H** for nomination form.

Committee formed to set guidelines to report back to WCWA.

VI. RANKINGS AND REPORTING RESULTS

A. Ranking System

Ranking system will be managed by WCWA Sports Information Director. Coaches will send in rosters and college rankings. Director will in turn compile information and rank teams and wrestlers. Information will be sent to WCWA member schools for approval. Once approved ranking will be sent to major wrestling web sites plus two WCWA women's web sites.

Ratings Timeline

Coaches must send current rankings to Sports Information Director by 12:00 noon on Monday week of current rankings. Sports Information Director will rank and return to college coaches by Tuesday 12:00 noon of week of current rankings. Sports Information Director will post ranking on listed dates. Coaches must respond by time frame listed or their input will not be recognized.

October 1st Preseason Rankings
November 1st
December 1st
January 1st
January 25th Final Rankings

B. Reporting Results

College teams are responsible for sending results of duals and tournaments to the two approved WCWA websites. Posting results is critical for the promotion of women's wrestling and should be a major priority for all college programs.

VII. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (NAIA Bylaws)

A. Freshman Eligibility Requirements

1. An entering freshman student must be a graduate of an accredited high school or be accepted as a regular student in good standing as defined by the enrolling institution.
2. An entering freshman student must meet two of the three entry level requirements
 - a. A minimum score of 18 on the Enhanced ACT or 860 on the SAT (for tests taken on or after April 1, 1995)
 - b. If students meets 1 out of 3 and completes 12 Hrs of accredited classes with an overall GPA of 2.5, she will be eligible starting the second semester.

NOTE: In order to meet the requirement of number 3 above, an entering freshman taking the SAT as of March 1, 2005 must achieve a score of 860 or higher on the **Critical Reading and Math** sections.

- c. An overall high school grade point average of 2.000 or higher on a 4.000 scale.
- d. Graduate in the upper half of the student's high school graduating class.

B. Interpretation

Item 1

A student does not have to be a high school graduate to meet freshman eligibility standards. As long as the student is accepted as a regular student in good standing (not placed on probationary status by institution) then this requirement can be met. If the student is a high school graduate then they must have graduated from a properly accredited high school. Accreditation in most instances will be through the applicable state agency.

Item 2a

A student must achieve a minimum score of 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT to meet this requirement. The score must be achieved at a single test sitting administered by a certified tester on a National or International testing date. No composite scores or sum scores can be utilized. A test not administered as stipulated above will be considered a residual test and not applicable for the freshman requirements.

The test must be taken prior to the term in which the student initially participates. This means prior to the first day of class for the fall term, winter term, or spring term. A student who may not be eligible in the fall may take the ACT or SAT again that term and if the student meets the requirement participate in the spring, granted that test was taken prior to the first day of class in the spring. The student will not be eligible to participate until they attend a class in the spring term.

Students diagnosed with a learning disability may use untimed ACT/SAT test results to meet freshman standards. The untimed test, though, must be arranged, approved, and conducted according to the procedure established by the ACT or SAT national office for the administration of such tests. A minimum score of 18 or 860 must still be achieved.

Item 2b

A student must achieve an overall high school GPA of 2.000 on a 4.000 scale based on the student's high school transcript which includes all course work taken through the term immediately prior to graduation. There are no core course requirements for the NAIA. If the high school does not report GPA on a 4.000 scale, the institution's registrar shall convert all high school grades to the 4.000 scale and establish the GPA. If the high school reports grades in percents then the NAIA institution is to receive high school's percent grading scale. A student in the "C" range is considered to have met this requirement.

A student who has taken and passed the GED will be considered to have met the 2.000 requirement. The student must still meet the ACT/SAT requirement. A student who has been identified with a preparatory school for one full academic shall have the GPA achieved at the prep school combined with the overall high school GPA for application to the 2.000 requirement.

Item 2c

A student must graduate in the upper half of their high school graduating class based on the student's high school transcript which includes all course work taken through the term immediately prior to graduation. High schools that do not rank students may elect to certify on official high school letterhead signed by the high school principal, headmaster, or registrar that if the high school were to rank their graduating class this student would have graduated in the upper half of the graduating class.

A student who graduates the equivalent of 50 out of 100 (50 percentile) will be considered to have graduated in the upper half of the graduating class.

Home-Schooled Students

To meet the NAIA freshman requirements a home-schooled student must receive the certificate (or equivalent) granted by the appropriate state agency verifying that the student successfully completed the home schooling requirements of that state. "Equivalent" can be interpreted in several ways but the key is that in some way the appropriate state has verified in an official capacity that the student has fulfilled the proper home school requirements. The student must also achieve a minimum score of 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT as mandated under item 2(a).

In rare instances, a student may have been home schooled in a state that has no home school requirements or a state agency that can verify that the home school requirements have been successfully completed. In that instance the institution will need to seek an exception to the standard rule for the student under the process detailed at Article V, Section L of the NAIA Bylaws. In prior requests, a student who has scored well on the ACT or SAT has had an outstanding chance of receiving an exception.

International Students

An incoming international freshman student must meet the same requirements required of a domestic freshman student. If high school GPA and class ranking cannot be determined then the international student can be determined eligible by meeting the NAIA institution's admission criteria for international students and by meeting the following NAIA criteria:

1. A minimum score of 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT as mandated under item 2(a).
2. Meet the entering freshman requirements as defined for students from each country in the most current Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility (GIAS on freshman form) published by the NCAA using AACRAO guidelines.

WCWA Rule Exceptions: A. Graduate students may participate at any college provided they have not exceeded 10 semester attendance rule or the 4 season of play rule.

VIII. SEASON OF PLAY AND SCHEDULING

Season of Play for the WCWA will be from October 1st to the last week in January. Members will try and schedule dual events with multiple teams (triangles and quads). All weigh-ins will be a flat weight (exception hosting international teams). Weigh-ins will be head to head. Weigh-in times will be determined by coach's agreement. **All eligibility must be processed prior to 1st WCWA competition.**

IX. WEIGHT CLASSES

44KG (96.8), 48KG (105.6), 51KG (112.2), 55KG (121), 59KG (129.8), 63KG (138.6), 67 (147.4), 72KG (158.4), 80KG (173), 90KG (198)

X. PLAYING RULES

Rules governing competition at the WCWA Wrestling National Championships are specified in the USA FILA Wrestling Rule Book, except those changes approved by the WCWA Wrestling Association.

1. Competition involving high school athletes will not be permitted with any WCWA event.

XI. RECRUITING RULES

1. Recruitment of an Enrolled Student-Athlete If, during the school year or summer vacation period, the athletics director, faculty athletic representative, or coach of a member institution is contacted or becomes aware of contact by an athlete who enrolled at another institution of higher learning (two-year or four-year), it shall be the responsibility of the contacted institution (athletics director or coach) to notify, in writing, the institution (athletics director or coach) where the athlete is presently enrolled within 10 days following the first contact. A coach or another representative of a member institution shall not initiate contact with an athlete who has enrolled at another four-year institution. It is permissible to contact a student who is currently enrolled at a two-year institution once the student begins his/her second season of competition. A coach or another representative of a member institution may respond to a contact by an athlete only after the enrolled athlete's institution (athletics director or coach) has been notified as prescribed above.
2. Recruitment of a Non-Enrolled Student A coach or another representative of a member institution shall not contact an athlete who has drawn equipment and is engaged in organized pre-school practice at another institution. **Once a student has signed a letter of intent coach of a member institution may not contact that student. In the event the student contacts other institutions after signed LOI, contacted coach must referred to rule 1. All letters of intent will be sent to WCWA SID for posting on websites.**
3. Violation of any part of the recruitment policy shall cause an immediate investigation by the WCWA and referred to WCWA over site committee for assessment and penalty. **Penalty for violation of letter of intent will be one complete year of competition unless coach releases athlete.**

POSTSEASON COMPETITION

I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

A. Entry fees/official party/roster

Entry fee is \$300.00 per WCWA member teams (1-15 participants). All participants above 15 will be charged \$20.00 per Individual. **The receipt deadline for entries is January 25, 2009.**

E-Mail and/or fax all entries to: **Host School**

B. Expenses

Participating teams are responsible for their own expenses to, during, and from all postseason events.

C. Insurance

Participating teams shall provide their own medical, hospitalization, travel and accident insurance for all members of its official party.

D. Coaches' Responsibilities

The coach or other designated person for each participating team must be in attendance and responsible for his/her team at all times while at the championship site. This person shall accept the responsibility for the conduct of his/her student-athletes at the championship site, during the championships and at all activities connected with the team's championship participation. In case of property damage, the offending institution shall be held financially responsible.

E. Seeding and Bracketing Guidelines/Procedures

1. Head to head competition-1-1 or 2-2 last win, best of series.
2. Results vs. common opponents.
3. Common tournament place finishes competing at same weight class.
4. Past All-American finishes – most recent placing and/or champion of Named weight class has advantage.
5. Overall record - quality opponents/schedule are more important than win/loss record
6. Coaches Vote.

Note: Quality opponents and tournaments are the deciding factor—not just record.

For an 8-man bracket, the top 4 will be seeded and the remaining wrestlers drawn into bracket.

For a bracket of 9-16, the top 6 will be seeded and the remaining wrestlers drawn into bracket.

For a bracket of 17 or more, the top 8 will be seeded and the remaining drawn into bracket.

***Note the above seeding criteria is minimum criteria depending on the strength of the weight class more or fewer athletes may be seeded.**

F. Separating teammates in national brackets - The following seeding/bracketing criteria will be used for separating teammate's national championship brackets:

1. Teammates will be separated onto the opposite sides of the bracket unless seeding dictates otherwise (i.e. #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3).
2. No wrestler will compete against another teammate opponent in first round of competition in the National Championship brackets unless seeding of individuals dictates otherwise.

G. Qualification of Wrestlers

Each school may enter any number of wrestlers per weight in the national tournament. **All Wrestlers must be member of WCWA member team.**

H. Administration

The WCWA Wrestling National Championships is under the direct control and supervision of the WCWA. The Tournament Host is responsible for carrying out the policies approved by the WCWA. Administrators

including seeding the participants, managing the national championships, and overseeing the welfare of the participating athletes and coaches.

WCWA matches are intended to provide national championship competition among the best eligible student-athletes and teams at the conclusion of the respective sport season.

The WCWA a protest regarding the eligibility of a duly certified student-athlete, entered in the WCWA National Tournament must be lodged prior to the beginning of national competition. Protest after event must be lodged a maximum of 15 days concluding the event. **In the event the athlete is found to be ineligible, it shall be sent to the Oversight Committee for penalty assessment.**

1. **Oversight Committee**-Committee to assess and review all WCWA allegations concerning all violations of WCWA By-laws. Committee will be composed of 5 elected members from WCWA membership. These members will elect chairperson of committee. All members who are involved in allegation will excuse themselves from issue. Term for committee shall be two years. There are no term limits.
2. Term for all elected officers shall be 2 years. There are no term limits.

I. Format

The WCWA Wrestling National Championships is conducted in a two-day format. Weigh-in shall be a maximum of 24 hours prior to competition. Individual national championships are determined in 10 weight classes, and the team national championship is determined using the following tournament scoring. Team points will be score by the highest placement by each school per weight (16-1st, 12-2nd, 3rd-9, 4th-7, 5th-5, 6th-3).

J. Transportation

Travel arrangements to and from the championship site shall be made by the participating institutions.

K. Housing

Housing information will be distributed to coaches with the entry material in the pre-championship packet.

L. Code of Conduct

All wrestlers participating in the WCWA Wrestling National Championships shall agree to abide by the following standards of conduct:

- a. The use of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited.
- b. Exemplary conduct is expected in team travel, at eating establishments, at the championship site and overnight accommodations before, during and after the national championship.
- c. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT** may result in either or all of the following actions:
 - i. The university or college president and athletics director will be notified by letter.
 - ii. The athlete will be banned from the following year's championship.
 - iii. All honors and awards, including All-America status and all points scored, will be taken away from the offending athlete.
- d. Upon notification of any violation of the Code of Conduct, the WCWA will review the case and take prompt, appropriate action which may include the above.

WCWA coaches are responsible for ensuring that their athletes adhere to these rules of conduct.

M. Banquet

WCWA Hall of Fame/Banquet information will be distributed in the January coaches' mailing. The banquet will take place on evening of weigh-ins. Tickets for participants are included in the entry fee. A limited number of tickets for parents and fans will be available.

N. Meetings

The WCWA annual business meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of day of weigh-ins. If necessary, a second meeting will be scheduled following the championship.

1. **All by-law changes will be in effect for one year after vote at National Tournament Business Meeting.**

O. **Medical Care/Weigh-Ins/Skin Checks**

Training facilities and certified trainers will be available to the competing teams courtesy of the host. Medical doctors will be on-call and participants will have access to a medical facility.

P. **Admission/Credentials**

All athletes, certified trainers, and coaches must have credentials (participant passes) on their person in order to be admitted to the championship. Each school will be issued four credentials for coaches, assistants and support staff (this will not include certified school trainers). Four additional coach/support staff credentials can be purchased for \$30.00 apiece. Additional credentials for assistants/support staff can be purchased at full admission price.

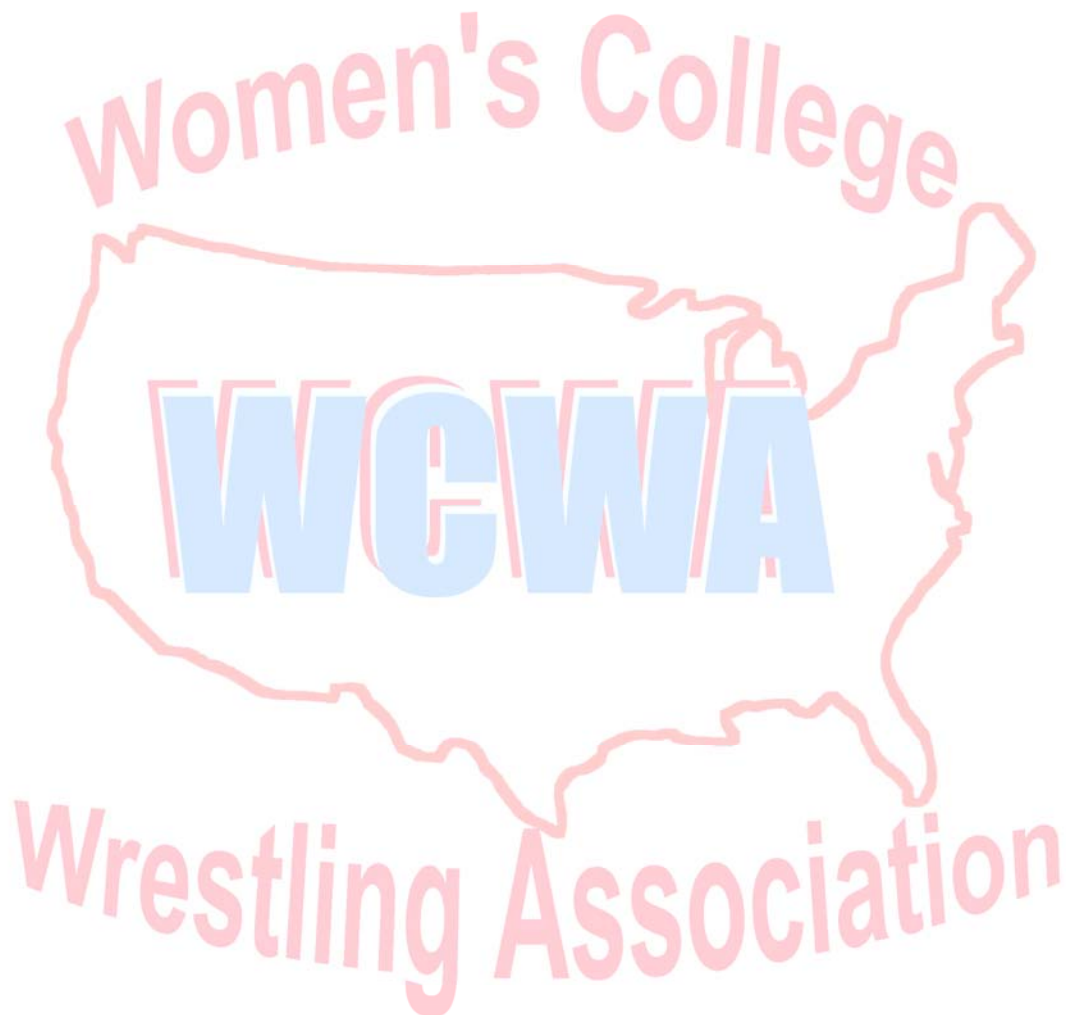
O. **Officials – Selection and Evaluation**

WCWA guidelines, a minimum of 4 officials per mat will be contracted to work the WCWA National Championships. Candidates for assignment to work WCWA National Championships must be current members of USA Wrestling Officials Association.

Each team attending should bring 1 official to national tournament.

Q. **Radio and Television**

The broadcast of any championship event is governed by the host school.



WCWA COACHES CODE

The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with student-athletes, officials, athletic directors, school administrators, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The coach shall encourage and assist team members to set personal goals to achieve their highest athletic and academic potential.

The coach shall strive to develop the qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment in each team member.

The coach shall create a set of training rules for athletes who reflect the positive values of abstaining from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.

The coach shall promote all athletic programs of the school and direct his or her program in harmony with the all school programs.

The coach shall encourage a healthy respect for the overall athletic program and its vital role in education.

The coach shall know the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.

The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

Before and after contests, coaches for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.

The coach shall be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.