



NAIA National Wrestling Coaches Association

Annual Business Meeting Agenda | NWCA Convention – Baltimore, Maryland

Friday, July 31, 2026, at 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in Mt. Washington, Baltimore Convention Center

Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 11:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. in Baltimore AB in the Baltimore Convention Center

I. CALL TO ORDER *THOMAS POMPEI, NWCA PRESIDENT*

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA *THOMAS POMPEI, NWCA PRESIDENT*

III. APPROVAL OF 2025 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES *THOMAS POMPEI, NWCA PRESIDENT*

IV. NAIA NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT *CANDICE FABRY, NAIA CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER*

- a. National Office Report
- b. 2026-27 NAIA Men's Wrestling Qualification Plan
- c. 2026-27 Ratings Dates

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee, *Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech*
 - Working with the executive committee on continuing to make our National Tournament as great as possible. The executive committee is working on submitting the following sports motions. Coaches Rank release dates, a new national tournament seeding process, an updated proposal on seeding/redrawing the bracket when scratches occur, and reducing the number of credentials at nationals to help clear up the floor. KC Rock will be moving into the President role following this meeting. We will be looking for a new secretary.
- b. Coaches' Manual/Constitution Rules, *Rik Dahl, Northwestern*
 - The committee would like to thank Candice and the NAIA for their leadership and support over the years as we have worked hard to make sure our coaches' manual is up-to-date and reflective of the work the Executive Committee and the coaches' body have put into making NAIA wrestling relevant in today's wrestling world. We look forward to getting the most up-to-date manual and resources to you in late August or early September.
 - If you are a conference chair, make sure to communicate with Candice the names of those serving on our standing committees (i.e., Bracketing, Ratings and Oversight, Manual, Honors and Awards, and Qualifying Standards). Also, make sure to comb through the manual when it is released to ensure you are privy to what is expected of you throughout the upcoming season
- c. Bracketing, *Tyson Thivierge, Montana State-Northern*
 - The Bracketing Committee is NOT responsible for any kind of seeding! We simply have to review each bracket to make sure that no teammates are on the same side of the bracket. We have a zoom meeting with the bracketing committee prior to the National Championships in order to find such mistakes. IF there are teammates on the same side, one seeded and one not seeded, we will look to move the non-seeded wrestler to the opposite side of the bracket. To move the non-seeded wrestlers, we will look to the opposite side of the bracket for another non-seeded individual and we will assign numbers and draw a random number out of a hat to move the appropriate selection with the teammate who is NON SEEDDED. IF both teammates are seeded and on the same side, no adjustments are considered.

- These processes come straight out of the Coaches Manual on page 9 under 'Separating Teammates in the National Brackets'
- d. National Ratings Oversight Committee, *KC Rock, Embry-Riddle*
 - Ranking and Oversight are in a good place. We are always looking at better ways to streamline processes and ensure we get the best 32 guys to the national tournament.
- e. USA Wrestling, *Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech*
 - Attended all yearly online meetings. Will be attending the USAW board meeting in august in Colorado Springs.
- f. NWCA Report, *Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech*
 - Convention is right around the corner. Business meetings are set up during the convention. Our Hall of Fame has an excellent class of 5 people being inducted this year. The Hall of Fame is taking shape and growing. We have a database of Hall of Fame-worthy athletes and coaches that we will use moving forward to help with selections. Need to create a committee for this.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sport Motions
 - a. Motion #1 - Process for Dropped Wrestlers at National Championship
 - b. Motion #2 - Removing Secondary Criteria from Seeding and Bracketing Guidelines for National Championship
 - c. Motion #3 - Removing National Oversight Committee from Conference Call with National Seeding Committee
 - d. Motion #4 - National Seeding Committee Conference Call change of point differential and rank order of discussion
 - e. Motion #5 - National Seeding Committee Conference Call quorum for decision-making
- b. Nomination for Secretary

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

XI. ADJOURNMENT



NAIA National Wrestling Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting Agenda

NWCA Convention – Ponte Vedra, Florida

Friday, August 1, 2025 – 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. – Players D

Saturday, August 2, 2025 – 11:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Players D

I. CALL TO ORDER THOMAS POMPEI, NWCA PRESIDENT

Attendees: Tyson, Thivierge, Montana State University – Northern; Bo Bettinson, St. Ambrose University (Ill.); Caleb McElfresh, Missouri Baptist University (Mo.); Nick Mitchell, Grand View University (Iowa); Grant Henderson, Grand View University (Iowa); Paul Reedy, Grand View University (Iowa); Aden Reeves, Grand View University (Iowa); Jason Schweer, University of Rio Grande (Ohio); Dalton Weidl, Ottawa University (Kan.); Cole Manion, Keiser University (Fla.); Nolan Harris, Corban University (Ore.); Omi Acosta, Life University (Ga.); Jake Laden, Life University (Ga.); Jameel Bryant, Lindsey Wilson University (Ky.); Travis Patrick, Southeastern University (Fla.); Jake Henderson, Defiance University (Ohio); KC Rock, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Ariz.); Corey Ruff, University of the Cumberlands (Ky.); Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech; Jake Lords, Baker University (Kan.); Evan Hansen, Graceland University (Iowa); Marc Burchard, NAIA; Candice Fabry, NAIA; Bruce Tate, NAIA

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA THOMAS POMPEI, NWCA PRESIDENT

Motion to approve: Patrick/Bettinson

Vote: 18-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF 2024 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES THOMAS POMPEI, NWCA PRESIDENT

Motion to approve: Mitchell/Patrick

Vote: 18-0-0

IV. NAIA NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT MARC BURCHARD, NAIA DIRECTOR OF CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. National Office Report

a. Legislative Path of Sport Motions

- i. Any motions that are approved here at the business meeting will then need to be voted on by the full coaches association and if supported the motions will then go to the NAC for final approval to be implemented
- ii. The NAC will meet on August 12 and 13 to review.

b. National Championship Host Site

- i. Will remain in Wichita for 2026 and 2027
- ii. At the 2025 championship finals there were many issues with teams bringing in alcohol. Beginning with the 2026 finals session only, there will not be any outside food or drink allowed into the building or backpacks (finalists will be allowed to bring in backpacks)

c. National Championship Streaming

- i. The 2026 Championship will be simulcast through Flo and the NAIA Network.
 1. Streaming on the NAIA Network will be entirely free

d. NAIA Path Forward Task Force

- i. The NCAA DII Management Council has recommended five years of eligibility

- ii. The NAIA has had a committee evaluating this same topic, along with others for some time now.
- iii. The Path Forward Task Force will be meeting in Kanas City in August and September and most likely to come out with some recommendations following their September meeting
- b. 2025-26 NAIA Men's Wrestling Qualification Plan
- c. 2025-26 Ratings Dates

Pre-season	October 16, 2025 (Thursday)
#1	November 6, 2025 (Thursday)
#2	November 20, 2025 (Thursday)
#3	December 11, 2025 (Thursday)
#4	December 31, 2025 (Wednesday)
#5	January 15, 2026 (Thursday)
#6	January 29, 2026 (Thursday)
Final	February 11, 2026 (Wednesday)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Executive Committee, Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech
 - a. The Executive Committee has meet regularly throughout the academic year through the championships
 - b. Mostly focused on improving the experience at the national championships
 - c. There are still things that we would like to see done at the championships – mini team trophies for all-Americans, however, the championships have improved with additions like the DJ last year.
- b. Coaches' Manual/Constitution Rules, Rik Dahl, Northwestern
 - a. The coaches manual will be released October 1 ahead of the season.
- c. Bracketing, Tyson Thivierge, Montana State – Northern
 - a. The bracketing committee is responsible for ensuring that teammates do not match up on the same side of the bracket, unless they are seeded. If they are seeded they are not moved.
 - b. Unseeded wrestlers are drawn into the bracket at random.
- d. National Ratings Oversight Committee, Nick Mitchell, Grand View
 - a. The reduction of oversight members this past year helped streamline the process.
- e. USA Wrestling, Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech
 - a. Thomas will be attending the upcoming USA Wrestling meetings next month and updates will be sent to the full body.
- f. NWCA Report , Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech
 - a. Jim Fallis will provide updates on the scholar all-america process during tomorrow's session.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sport Motions
 - a. Motion #1: Increase number of national championship qualifiers from 280 to 320.
Discussion: This will increase the access ratio close to the top allowed by the NAIA Council of Presidents. Presidents are concerned about controlling costs and see increasing championship access as more expenses. This proposal was reviewed by some NAC members and their feedback was to put an additional motion to limit the number of official party members at the championship through an additional motion.
Motion to approve: Bettinson/Schweer
Vote: 18-0-0
 - b. Motion #2: Qualification Plan if tournament field is increased to 320 National Qualifiers

Automatic Qualifying - Individual wrestlers can qualify for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships by: Qualifying standards through conference/Continental Athletic

Conference (CAC) (formerly the Association of Independent Institutions)/affiliated group tournaments:

- 250 automatic qualifiers (25 per weight class)
- The top finisher in each weight class at the conference/affiliated group tournaments will receive an automatic berth to the National Championships.
- Additional automatic qualifier allocations for the National Championships will be determined based on the final top 25 individual regular season rankings. (e.g., four wrestlers from the Mid-South Conference are ranked at 125 lbs. in the final regular season ratings, the Mid-South will receive four automatic qualifiers at 125 lbs. to the National Championships.)
- If a conference does not have an individual ranked in the top 25 an allocation will be deducted from the 7 national at-large at that weight class. (e.g. The Mid-South does not have an individual ranked in the top 25 at 125 lbs. the number of at-larges from 125 lbs. will be reduced to 6 to ensure all conferences receive one qualifier per weight class.
- NOTE: If a ranked wrestler does not compete at their conference tournament, that conference allocation will be removed and an additional at-large position will go into the national at-large pool. (e.g. four wrestlers from the Mid-South Conference are ranked at 125 lbs. in the final regular season ratings, John Doe is ranked at 125, however does not compete at 125 during the conference tournament. The Mid-South will receive three allocations at 125 for the National Championships).
- NOTE: Athletes cannot compete in another weight class at the National Championships than they competed in at the postseason national qualifying tournament.

At-Large Qualifying - Individual wrestlers can qualify for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships by:

1. National At-Large Bids – the remaining national bids will be selected by the NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE (2 members per conference (raters and oversight)) via individual vote using the current at-large criteria until 320 wrestlers have been selected. Selection of these at larges will be conducted in the following manner:

- A 16-member committee consisting of the rater and oversight member from each qualifying group will vote for national at-large selections
- Up to 70 (seven per weight class) national at-large nominees from each qualifying group will be emailed to the national office following the completion of the national qualifying events. Submissions must be received by 12 a.m. CST (midnight) on Sunday, Feb. 23.
- All qualifiers and at-large nominees will be distributed to the entire coaching body by the national office on Feb. 23.
- Specific information regarding national at-large nominees should be directed by the individuals head coach to a conference-specific committee member.
- Each of the 16-committee members will submit online votes to the national office.
- Each committee member votes on their top seven wrestlers at each weight class.
- Each tally mark is awarded one point.
- The points will be tabulated at the NAIA National Office. The individual(s) with the seven most points garner the available at-large positions at each weight class.
- The individual(s) with the eighth most points will be named as the one alternate in each weight class.
- Note - In the case of ties for at-large selection, the regular seeding criteria will be used to break the tie. In the case that the seeding committee ties on the deciding vote, the NAC liaison will vote to break the tie..

Discussion: If the tournament increases to 320 a new allocation process is needed.

Motion to approve: Schweer/Bettinson

Vote: 18-0-0

c. Motion #3: Ratings Tie Breaker

In the case of a tie during the individual ranking process, we will use criteria to determine who will be ranked higher. The following criteria will be used in order. If criteria A doesn't solve the tie, we will move to B and so forth

Criteria

- A. The wrestler with the most individual votes from the raters
- B. The wrestler with the most points before the highs and lows were removed
- C. In the case of a tie still existing, we will have a revote
- D. If a tie can not be broken on a revote, it will go to oversight to decide

Example A

Jon Smith and Cael Sanderson are tied at 18th with 48 points each. all 8 raters voted for Jon Smith. Only 7 raters voted for Cael Sanderson. Jon wins based on criteria A and will be ranked 18th. Cael will be ranked 19th.

Example B

Jon Smith and Cael Sanderson are tied at 18th with 48 points each. all 8 raters voted for Jon Smith and Cael Sanderson. Before the highs and lows were dropped, Jon had 54 points and Cael had 51 points. Jon will win on criteria B and will be ranked 18th. Cael will be ranked 19th.

Example C

Jon Smith and Cael Sanderson are tied at 18th with 48 points each. all 8 raters voted for Jon Smith and Cael Sanderson. Before the highs and lows were dropped, Jon had 54 points and Cael had 54 points. There is still a tie and the raters will have to have a revote on these 2 individuals

Discussion: This would create a consistent approach to breaking ties during the season in ratings.

Motion to approve: Mitchell/McElfresh

Vote: 18-0-0

d. Motion #4: Conference Tournament Dates

To require conference tournaments to be held between Wednesday-Saturday prior to the conference tournament deadline. Beginning in 2026-27.

Discussion: Currently not all conferences hold their tournaments the same weekend. Some the week before others and this causes the final rating to take place sooner than some think it should to accurately determine national championship allocations.

Motion to approve: Bettinson/Manion

Vote: 14-0-4

e. Motion# 5: Official Party Limits

Limit the official party at the national championship to 25 – coaches, managers, warm-up partners...

Discussion: Based on the feedback from NAC members this would help increase the possibility of increasing the number to 320 participants at the national championships. The official party would be: a teams qualifiers plus up to 25 coaches, managers, assistant coaches, etc...

Motion to approve: Mcelfresh/Mitchell

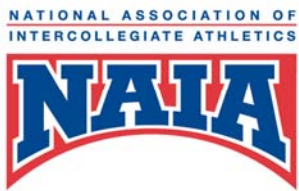
Vote: 18-0-0

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Motion to adjourn: Thievierge/McElfresh

Vote: 18-0-0



Coach's Guide: Legislation, Policies & Sport Rules

A coaches association takes action through sport motions, but different processes apply for motions that implicate sport rules, policy changes and legislative amendments.

Sport Rule: Sport rules are those specific rules that dictate on-field conduct and playing rules of the game. The NAIA has adopted the NCAA rulebook in nearly all sports (exceptions: tennis, golf, competitive cheer and dance, and bowling), though specific NAIA rule modifications can be made by the coaches association and National Administrative Council (NAC). The NAIA may have some general policies that apply to game management or conduct in competition (e.g. suspensions resulting from ejections, etc.), but these NAIA policies only apply if the sport rule is silent or more lenient. Sport rule books can be found on each "Coaches Corner" page (www.naia.org)

How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Must be approved by NAC
- Will be considered an NAIA rule modification

Policy: Regulations found in the official policy sections of the handbook. Each governing council of the NAIA has a policy section that covers specific topics within that council's purview. The NAC oversees all coaches association and any issues arising from coaches associations. Policy can be changed at the will of the council. NAC, COP, CFAR and CSA policy can be found in the NAIA Handbook (www.naia.org/legislative)

How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Changes to NAC Policy: Must be approved by full NAC (occurs at convention or NACDA). Will be added to the NAC policy.
- Changes to COP, CFAR or CSA policy: Coaches associations do not have a direct line to propose changes in these policies. Should a sport motion apply to one of these policy sections, the sport's officers and national office liaison can share the motion with the applicable council as a recommendation. It will be that council's discretion to determine if any action is warranted.

Legislation: Anything found in the NAIA Constitution or Bylaws. Any change or amendment to the constitution or bylaws can only be done through a vote of the full membership at the annual NAIA national convention. The constitution and bylaws can be found in the NAIA Handbook (www.naia.org/legislative)

How to make a change:

- Any association, council, standing committee or conference can sponsor a legislative amendment, and in some cases a co-sponsor is required. (Coaches associations must receive co-sponsorship from any of those groups except another coaches association.)
- Proposals must be submitted to the office by mid-January.
- All submitted proposals that have requisite co-sponsorship will be voted on by the full membership at the annual convention.





2026/2027 NAIA Men's Wrestling Qualification Plan

Total # of schools: 70

+ Denotes first year member, eligible for post-season but does not count towards the conference receiving multiple automatic qualifiers

Appalachian Athletic Conference(5)

Montreat College (N.C.)
Reinhardt University (Ga.)
Truett McConnell University (Ga.)
University of Pikeville (Ky.)
West Virginia University Institute of Technology (W.Va.)

Cascade Collegiate Conference(11)

Arizona Christian University (Ariz.)
Corban University (Ore.)
Eastern Oregon University (Ore.)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Ariz.)
Hope International University (Calif.)
Montana State University-Northern (Mont.)
Simpson University (Calif.)
Southern Oregon University (Ore.)
The Evergreen State College (Wash.)
University of Providence (Mont.)
Westcliff University (Calif.)

Great Plains Athletic Conference(9)

Briar Cliff University (Iowa)
Concordia University (Mich.)
Dakota Wesleyan University (S.D.)
Doane University (Neb.)
Hastings College (Neb.)
Midland University (Neb.)
Morningside University (Iowa)
Northwestern College (Iowa)
Waldorf University (Iowa)

Heart of America Athletic Conference(13)

Baker University (Kan.)
Bellevue University (Neb.)
Benedictine College (Kan.)
Bismarck State College (N.D.)
Central Methodist University (Mo.)
Dickinson State University (N.D.)
Graceland University (Iowa)
Grand View University (Iowa)
Missouri Baptist University (Mo.)
Missouri Valley College (Mo.)
St. Ambrose University (Iowa)
William Penn University (Iowa)
William Woods University (Mo.)

Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference(6)

Avila University (Mo.)
Friends University (Kan.)
Oklahoma Wesleyan University (Okla.)
Ottawa University (Other)
University of Saint Mary (Kan.)
York University (Neb.)

Mid-South Conference(7)

Campbellsville University (Ky.)
Cumberland University (Tenn.)
Georgetown College (Ky.)
Lindsey Wilson University (Ky.)
Midway University (Ky.)
University of Rio Grande (Ohio)
University of the Cumberlands (Ky.)

Sooner Athletic Conference(6)

Central Baptist College (Ark.)
Central Christian College (Kan.)
Oklahoma City University (Okla.)
Texas Wesleyan University (Texas)
Wayland Baptist University (Texas)
Williams Baptist University (Ark.)

Southern States Athletic Conference(7)

+ Andrew College (Ga.)
Brewton-Parker Christian University (Ga.)
Keiser University (Fla.)
Life University (Ga.)
New College of Florida (Fla.)
Southeastern University (Fla.)
St. Thomas University (Fla.)

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference(6)

Cleary University (Mich.)
Cornerstone University (Mich.)
Defiance College (Ohio)
Indiana Tech (Ind.)
Marian University (Ind.)
Rochester Christian University (Mich.)



Men's Wrestling Motion #1

Proposal: Thomas Pompei, Indiana Tech (Ind.)

MOTION:

National Tournament Bracket Procedures: When a wrestler withdraws from the championship after the bracket release, an alternate is identified in accordance with the NAIA Wrestling Selection Procedures. The following procedures will then be applied.

1. Withdrawal of a Seeded Wrestler

If a seeded wrestler withdraws:

- a. All seeded wrestlers in the weight class will move up one seed position.
- b. The first-seeded alternate will become the 16th seed, and the second-seeded alternate will become the first-seeded alternate.
- c. The alternate list for that weight class will be contacted, beginning with the wrestler having the highest point total, until an available wrestler accepts the alternate position. That wrestler will be added to the championship field as an unseeded wrestler.
- d. The championship bracket for that weight class will be redrawn at the on-site National Bracketing Committee meeting.

2. Withdrawal of an Unseeded Wrestler

If an unseeded wrestler withdraws, the identified alternate will replace the withdrawn wrestler using the following procedure at the on-site National Bracketing Committee meeting.

a. No teammate conflict

- i. If placing the alternate into the withdrawn wrestler's bracket position does not result in the alternate being on the same side of the bracket as a teammate, the alternate will be placed directly into that position. The bracket will not be redrawn.

b. Teammate conflict

- i. If placing the alternate into the withdrawn wrestler's bracket position results in the alternate being on the same side of the bracket as a teammate, the Bracketing Committee will:
 - i. Identify all unseeded wrestlers on the opposite side of the bracket who could exchange bracket positions with the alternate without creating a teammate conflict.
 - ii. Randomly draw one wrestler from the eligible pool.
 - iii. Exchange the bracket positions of the selected wrestler and the alternate. The bracket will not be redrawn.

RATIONALE:

Putting the rules in writing so that all coaches know what happens if an alternate is entering the bracket, and minimizing the amount of changes to the bracket, so that as many coaches as possible have been prepping for their opening round match-up for a week.

When a seeded wrestler is withdrawn, too many switches need to be made, and a full redraw is necessary. When one unseeded wrestler is replaced, we are trying to make as few changes as possible and minimize disruption to everyone's preparation.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Process has been implemented in previous championships, but needs to be in writing in policies to ensure all coaches are aware of procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

none

START DATE:

2026-2027



Men's Wrestling Motion #2

Proposal: KC Rock, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Ariz.)

MOTION:

Remove secondary criteria from the seeding and bracketing guidelines and procedures for the National Championship.

Remove secondary criteria

1. Common tournament place finishes
2. Past National Championship or Conference Tournament finishes
3. Overall records – quality/strength of opponents and schedule hold precedence, win-loss record

RATIONALE:

Simplify the process by using current, in-season head-to-head and common-opponent victories.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

The process has been difficult to decide how many years back to go for past-year finishes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

none

START DATE:

2026-2027



Men's Wrestling Motion #3

Proposal: KC Rock, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Ariz.)

MOTION:

Remove National Oversight Committee, with the exception of the NAC Liaison, from the Conference Call to discuss seeding changes that need to be made. The National Oversight Committee will continue to meet after the conference call to discuss and decide any outstanding seed proposal cases not resolved during the National Seeding Committee conference call.

Proposal: "The National Seeding Committee will meet via conference call to discuss any seeding changes that may need to be made."

Current verbiage: "The National Seeding Committee and National Oversight Committee will meet via conference call to discuss any seeding changes that may need to be made."

RATIONALE:

The National Oversight Committee and National Seeding Committee operate separately throughout the process, from the seeding votes to the rationale request and the discussions and decisions on seed switches. Therefore, this separation on the conference call would continue to cleanly divide it up from start to finish, in an effort to minimize any potential bias.

The NAC Liaison, who serves as a member of the three-person oversight committee, will remain on the conference call to ensure the integrity of the selection and seeding process.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

The National Oversight Committee sat in on the conference call.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

none

START DATE:

2026-2027



Men's Wrestling Motion #4

Proposal: KC Rock, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Ariz.)

MOTION:

National Seeding Committee Conference Call: Change point differential requirement to propose seed switch and identify rank order of discussion.

Proposal: "In the Seeding committee meeting, a discussion and vote will take place to switch wrestlers' seeds if wrestlers are within 20 points of each other and there is a head-to-head, or if wrestlers are within 10 points of each other for common opponents. Discussions of wrestlers' moving seeds will always begin with the highest vote total and work down the list for each weight class."

Current verbiage: "Only individuals whose point totals are within 10 points can be discussed."

RATIONALE:

Clarify the process and procedures for productive discussions of potential seed switches for members of the National Seeding Committee.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

The rank order of the discussion was not identified. Additionally, no specific point amount has been identified to propose head-to-head seed switches.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

none

START DATE:

2026-2027



Men's Wrestling Motion #5

Proposal: KC Rock, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Ariz.)

MOTION:

National Seeding Committee Conference Call: Change from a unanimous decision from the National Seeding Committee to switch seeds to a 70% quorum.

Proposal: "With a proposed switch, it will require a quorum of 70% to vote in favor of the seed switch to secure. All members of the National Seeding Committee are permitted to vote. If a quorum is not met, the decision to switch the wrestlers' seeds will be referred to the National Oversight Committee."

Current verbiage: "For a change to be made, it must be a unanimous decision among the National Seeding Committee. If the National Seeding Committee is not able to come to a unanimous decision, the National Oversight Committee will make the ultimate decision."

RATIONALE:

At times, some members felt that a committee member would vote in opposition to the majority, so that the decision would go to the National Oversight Committee rather than be decided on the conference call. This quorum of 70% also aligns with other sports' selection committee procedures when it comes to voting teams into at-large or seeds.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

none

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

none

START DATE:

2026-2027