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NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee releases qualifying tournament allocations for 2025 championships

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee has announced the preallocation spots for the 2025 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships as listed in the chart below.

Each qualifying tournament was awarded pre-allocations to the national tournament based on regular season performance by conference wrestlers through February 23. The pre-allocations were determined by using a sliding scale of the three standards, win percentage, coaches' rank, and RPI ranking; while never going below the base of .700 winning percentage, top 30 coaches' ranking and top 30 RPI ranking until reaching the maximum of 29 wrestlers per weight class.

For each wrestler that reached the threshold in at least two of the three categories, his conference tournament was awarded a qualifying spot in that weight class. Each conference is awarded a minimum of one automatic qualification per weight class, which will go to the tournament champion, even if they did not have any wrestlers reach at least two of the three thresholds. NCAA championship spots for each qualifying event will be awarded at conference tournaments based solely on place-finish.

After all the conference tournaments have concluded, the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee will meet in-person to select the remaining 43 at-large qualifiers, which will be

announced on March 11, while brackets and seeding will be announced on NCAA.com at 8 p.m. on March 12. All weight classes will consist of 33 wrestlers.

Conference	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	Total
Atlantic Coast Conference	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	3	3	5	38
Big 12 Conference	7	6	7	6	7	7	6	7	4	4	61
Big Ten Conference	9	10	7	8	8	9	8	8	10	10	87
Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association	2	1	3	1	1	2	4	1	4	3	22
Ivy League	3	2	4	3	3	2	2	4	2	1	26
Mid-American Conference	1	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	3	23
Pacific-12 Conference	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	2	17
Southern Conference	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	13
Pre-Allocations	29	29	29	29	27	29	29	28	29	29	287
At-Large	4	4	4	4	6	4	4	5	4	4	43

The coaches' rankings are determined by a vote of 16 coaches in each weight class with two head coaches from each of the eight conferences. For ranking purposes, coaches may only consider a wrestler that has been designated as a starter at a respective weight class. Wrestlers must have eight Division I matches in the weight class to be considered with at least one match within the last 30 days.

The RPI is a calculation that consists of three factors: winning percentage, opponent winning percentage (strength of schedule) and opponent's opponent winning percentage (opponent's strength of schedule). Only matches against Division I opponents at the designated weight class count towards the RPI and a wrestler needs to have wrestled 15 matches to be ranked. No forfeit of any kind counts toward the match minimum.

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The coaches' ranking and RPI are two of several criteria that will be evaluated during

the at-large selection and seeding process along with head-to-head competition, quality

wins, conference tournament placement, results versus common opponents and win

percentage.

A full description of the entire selection process for the 2025 Division I Wrestling

Championships is available at <u>ncaa.org</u>.

The 2025 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships take place March 20-22 at Wells

Fargo Center in Philadelphia as the event returns for the first time since 2011.

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