



# PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP PACKET



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## WELCOME

On behalf of the National Junior College Athletic Association and Iowa Western Community College, congratulations on your qualification to the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational. The two-day event will be held at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, IA from March 3-4, 2023. This pre-championship packet will serve as an in-depth guide for the championship and includes visitor information on the City of Council Bluffs.

We look forward to welcoming you in Council Bluffs and wish you the best of luck!

## NJCAA MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) to promote and foster a national program of two-year college athletic participation in an environment that supports equitable opportunities consistent with the educational objectives of member colleges.

Unlawful discrimination is incompatible with this mission and detracts from the organization's goal of promoting healthy and fair competition. The NJCAA prohibits unlawful discrimination based on sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, religion, creed, sexual orientation, age or any other characteristic protected by applicable law in the NJCAA's governance, programs, regulations and employment practices.

## ABOUT THE NJCAA

Since 1938, the NJCAA has served as the nation's premier governing body for two-year collegiate athletics, providing student-athletes opportunities to PREPARE, COMPETE, SUCCEED and ACHIEVE in their academic and athletic disciplines. The NJCAA is the second-largest national intercollegiate athletic organization in the United States, with over 500 member schools in 44 states. Each year over 3,400 teams compete in 28 different sports across multiple divisions in the NJCAA and the organization sponsors 52 national championship events and sanctioned football bowl games.

For more information, visit: [NJCAA.org](https://www.njcaa.org)

## TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

POSITION	NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Tournament Director	Shane Larson	(712) 325-3402	shane.larson@iwcc.edu
Assistant Tournament Director	Jill Feigenbutz	(712) 325-3418	jfeigenbutz@iwcc.edu
NJCAA Men's Wrestling Committee Chair	Thom McDonald	(515) 460-8081	iccac@iccac.org
NJCAA Women's Wrestling Committee Chair	Brett Monaghan	(641) 683-5207	brett.monaghan@indianhills.edu
NJCAA National Office Rep.	Josh Parton	(719) 590-9788	jparton@njcaa.org

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### *Men's Wrestling Championship Schedule*

#### **Wednesday**

Scales and workout site available as determined by the Tournament Director

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	1.5 mats will be available
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.	5 mats will be available

#### **Thursday**

6 a.m. – 10 p.m.	5 mats will be available
10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Official scale & workout site available
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Team check-in and entry verification. Failure to appear by the deadline may result in disqualification for the championship (Phone call prior to 3 p.m. if on late flight transportation)
Noon - 10 p.m.	Official scale open and workout site available
4:30 or 5 p.m.	Tournament procedures meeting to be followed by NJCAA Coaches Meeting

#### **Friday**

6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.	Official scale and workout site available
7:15 a.m.	Skin checks
7:00 a.m.	Official weigh-in
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries first round - six or eight mats at the discretion of the Tournament Director
	Preliminaries second round - six or eight mats at the discretion of the Tournament Director
	Consolation pigtailed
	Consolation first round - six or eight mats at the discretion of the Tournament Director
6:15 p.m.	Championship Quarterfinals - six or eight mats at the discretion of the Tournament Director
	Consolation second round
	Consolation third round
11 p.m.	Workout facilities will close

#### **Saturday**

8 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.	Scales and workout site available
8:15 a.m.	Skin checks
8:30 a.m.	Official weigh-in
9:30 a.m.	Championship Semifinals - six or eight mats at the discretion of the Tournament Director
	Consolation Quarterfinals - six or eight mats at the discretion of the Tournament Director
	Consolation Semifinals - six or eight mats at the discretion of the Tournament Director
	Consolation Finals 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th



5:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
5:50 p.m.	Parade of All-Americans
6:00 p.m.	Championship Finals NJCAA Award presentations

\*These times are approximates

### ***Women's Wrestling Invitational Schedule***

#### **Wednesday**

Scales and workout site available as determined by the Tournament Director.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	1.5 mats will be available
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.	5 mats will be available

#### **Thursday**

6 a.m. – 10 p.m.	5 mats will be available
10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Official scale & workout site available
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Team check-in and entry verification. Failure to appear by the deadline may result in disqualification for the championship (Phone call prior to 3 p.m. if on late flight/transportation)
Noon - 10 p.m.	Official scale open and workout site available
5 p.m.	Tournament procedures meeting to be followed by NJCAA Coaches Meeting

#### **Friday**

5:30 a.m. - 6:45 a.m.	Official scale and workout site available
6:45 a.m.	Skin checks
7:00 a.m.	Official weigh-in
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries first round Consolation first round
11 p.m.	Workout facilities will close

#### **Saturday**

6 a.m. - 7:25 a.m.	Scales and workout site available
7:15 a.m.	Skin checks
8:30 a.m.	Official weigh-in
9:30 a.m.	Consolation Bracket Begins
	Consolation Semifinals
	Consolation Finals
5:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies
5:50 p.m.	Parade of All-Americans
6:00 p.m.	Championship Finals NJCAA Award presentations

\*These times are approximates

### **WARM UP**

There are warm up mats at the far end of the Arena behind the curtain.

## PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET

There will be no pre-championship banquet.

## COACHES MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 2nd

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: On the Suite level of the Mid-American Center (3rd Floor, North Side)

\*This meeting is for both women's and men's coaches. Medical Withdraws must be turned in at the Coaches Meeting, so any affected brackets can be re-seeded after the meeting concludes. Any participant that is not withdrawn at the coaches meeting and doesn't weigh in on Friday will be a forfeit in the brackets.

## QUALIFYING STANDARDS

### MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP DISTRICT QUALIFIERS

2023 NJCAA WRESTLING DISTRICTS									
DISTRICT	REGION(S)	DISTRICT	REGION(S)	DISTRICT	REGION(S)	DISTRICT	REGION(S)	DISTRICT	REGION(S)
Great Lakes	4,12	Gulf Atlantic	10,19,20	North Central	11	North Plains	13	Northeast	3,15
		Plains	9	South Central	2,6	West	18		

District Deadline: Sunday, February 19, 2023

Any Districts completed prior to Sunday, Feb. 19. Submit ASAP after completion of District Qualifier.

District results should be sent to the following:

- [nskaar@denver.k12.ia.us](mailto:nskaar@denver.k12.ia.us)
- [shane.larson@iwcc.edu](mailto:shane.larson@iwcc.edu)
- [iccac@iccac.org](mailto:iccac@iccac.org)
- [bgrossetti@njcaa.org](mailto:bgrossetti@njcaa.org)

## POST-CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

### NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship Awards

- Awards shall be given to the first and second place teams.
- NJCAA Wrestling All-America medals shall be presented as follows:
- Gold medals shall be presented to the first-place finisher in each weight class.





- Silver medals shall be presented to the second-place finisher in each weight class.
- Bronze medals shall be presented to the third-place finisher in each weight class
- Ernest B. Gould Outstanding Wrestler Award shall be presented.
- Coach of the Tournament Award shall be presented.
- Non-Scholarship Team plaque shall be presented to the non-scholarship team with the highest point total. If a non-scholarship team finishes in first or second place, the team shall receive both awards.

### **NJCAA Wrestling Coaches Association Awards**

- Individual bronze medals shall be presented to the 4th through 8th place finishers at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships.
- Joseph A. Rockenback Sportsmanship Award shall be presented at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships. \*Awards to be ordered by the NJCAA National Office and billed to the Coaches Association.
- NJCAA Scholarship Wrestling Coach of the Year Award shall be presented at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships. Recipient shall be voted on by the coaches.
- NJCAA Non-Scholarship Wrestling Coach of the Year Award shall be presented at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships. Recipient shall be voted on by the coaches.
- Bruce Traphagen Award shall be presented to the wrestler with the most falls in least aggregate time at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships. Tournament host must identify the recipient upon tournament conclusion.
- NJCAA Wrestling Man of the Year Award shall be presented.
- NJCAA Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame Awards.
- \*Awards to be ordered and paid by the Coaches Association.

### **Special NJCAA Awards**

- Certificates shall be presented to the 1st through 8th place finishers at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

### **NJCAA Women's Wrestling Championship Awards**

- Awards shall be given to the first and second place teams.
- NJCAA Wrestling All-America medals shall be presented as follows:
  - Gold medals shall be presented to the first-place finisher in each weight class.
  - Silver medals shall be presented to the second-place finisher in each weight class.
  - Bronze medals shall be presented to the third-place finisher in each weight class
- The Outstanding Wrestler Award shall be presented.
- The Coach of the Tournament Award shall be presented.
- NJCAA Women's Wrestling Special Events Awards
  - Certificates shall be presented to the 1st through 5th place finishers at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.
  - A Team Sportsmanship Award will be presented at the Wrestling National Championships



## TOURNAMENT DEADLINES

### ENTRY FEE

Each participating wrestler will be charged a \$30 entry fee in order to participate in the 2023 NJCAA Wrestling Championship & Women's Wrestling Invitational. This fee is due at check in on Thursday.

### FORMS

Each school is required to fill out the NJCAA Participant Registration Form (see link below) with their participants, coaches, athletic trainer, and athletic director/president information by Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET.

- Men's Wrestling Championship - <https://form.jotform.com/210173697638060>
- Women's Wrestling Invitational - <https://form.jotform.com/230104761463145>

The form requests team information, wrestler names and head shots (REQUIRED):

1) A team's travel party is limited to:

- Championship Participants (Wrestlers)
- Four (4) Staff Members (Coaches & Athletic Trainers)
- President/Athletic Director may receive passes. Those passes will not allow access to the floor.

2) Attach head shot photos of coaches and qualifying wrestlers (must be at least 300dpi) This is imperative for the Credentials. We will not except anything less than this.

- Head shot MUST be saved in following format:  
SCHOOL.LAST NAME.FIRST NAME.WEIGHT/POSITION EXAMPLE: IW.Watts.Josh.HC
- Tournament host will provide photo ID's to be used at the north entry past gate and weigh-ins.

3) Attach college mascot logo (must be 300dpi)

**\* DEADLINE for submitting all above information online is Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.\***

## VENUE INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRANCE

All Teams & team personnel need to use the North Entry.

### LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms are not available.

### TICKETS

Adult Tournament Pass .....	\$65.00 for two days / four sessions
Adult Session Pass .....	\$23.00 per session / four sessions
Student Tournament Pass .....	\$45.00 for two days / four sessions
Student Session Pass .....	\$18.00 per session / four sessions
Children 3 and under .....	FREE

All ticket purchases will be completed on site.



## PARKING

There is free parking all around the Mid-America Center.

## GAMES COMMITTEE

**Men's:** A games committee to handle protests and violations of the NJCAA Code of Conduct and Misconduct Policy (competition rules) shall be composed of a minimum of three of the following, as selected by the official NJCAA Representatives. Any individual participant or coach requesting a protest must pay \$100 in advance. The \$100 is nonrefundable. 1. Head mat official or his alternate. 2. An officer of the Wrestling Coaches Association not involved in the protest. 3. NJCAA Representative.

**Women's:** A games committee to handle protests and violations of the NJCAA Code of Conduct and Misconduct Policy (competition rules) shall be composed of a minimum of three of the following, as selected by the official NJCAA Representatives. Any individual participant or coach requesting a protest must pay \$100 in advance. The \$100 is nonrefundable. 1. Head mat official or his alternate. 2. An officer of the Wrestling Coaches Association not involved in the protest. 3. NJCAA Representative.

## TEAM TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

### RENTAL CARS

Rental cars & vans are available at the Airport

### AIRPORT INFORMATION

Eppley Airfield

Distance from Championship Site: 8 Miles  
Address: 4501 Abbott Dr. Omaha, NE 68110  
Airport Main Number: 402-661-8017  
Served by what Airlines: All Major Airlines

## HOTELS

### TEAM HOTELS

Country Inn & Suites

17 Arena Way  
712-322-8282

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

2211 S. 32nd Street  
712-352-1300

Hampton Inn & Suites

2204 River Road  
712-328-2500



#### Holiday Inn & Suites

2202 River Rd.  
712-329-5050

#### SpringHill Suites

3216 Plaza View Drive  
712-256-6732

#### Microtel Inn & Suites

2141 S. 35th St.  
712-256-2900

#### My Place

2281 S. 35th St.  
712-256-6500

#### Courtyard by Marriott

2501 Bass Pro Dr.  
712-318-3330

## MEDICAL

### ATHLETIC TRAINING

Contact: Andrew Mohr

Phone: 712-256-6556

Email: [amohr@iwcc.edu](mailto:amohr@iwcc.edu)

### CHAMPIONSHIP MEDICAL CONTACTS

Miller Orthopedic

Phone: 712-323-5333

### LOCAL HOSPITALS

Methodist Jennie Edmundson

Distance from Championship Site: 6 miles

Address: 933 E. Pierce St. Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Telephone Number: 712-396-6000

### LOCAL PHARMACIES

CVS @ Target

Distance from Championship Site: 5 Miles

Address: 3804 Metro Dr., Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Telephone Number: 712-309-3381

Pharmacy Hours of operation: Friday – 9:00am – 7:00pm & Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm

## CREDENTIALS

### TEAM CREDENTIALS

Credentials will be picked up by Team personnel, when they pay their entry fee on Thursday, March 2nd at the North Entry of the Mid-America Center from 10:30 am to 3:00pm (CST).

### MEDIA CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

All non-participating team media may request a media credential request by completing the following form: [NJCAA Championship Media Credential Request Form](#).

Requests must be submitted by the media agency's sports editor or news director. Non-participating team media includes, but is not limited to, the following: television news outlets, print newspapers, sports websites and blogs, radio, freelance photographers.

Once the media credential request is submitted, NJCAA National Office or the Championship Host will follow-up directly regarding the status of your credential request and next steps.

Any team media personnel, including sport information directors, team photographers, etc., should be included in the team credentials list and does not need to submit a media credential request.

For questions regarding media credential requests, please contact:

Bailey Grossetti

NJCAA Athletic Communications Associate

[bgrossetti@njcaa.org](mailto:bgrossetti@njcaa.org)

## HOSPITALITY

### CHAMPIONSHIP HOSPITALITY

Times: 11:00am – 1:00pm & 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Suite level Mid-America Center

Coaches, Credentialed Media, and Event Staff will have access to the hospitality area.

### VENUE FOOD & BEVERAGE

The Mid-America Center will offer full availability at all concession stands located throughout the arena.

## PROGRAMS & MERCHANDISE

### OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

Championship programs will be available for purchase for \$6.

### MERCHANDISE

Official NJCAA national championship merchandise is provided exclusively by [Fine Designs](#) with an expansive list of items and customization options that include adding player numbers, team names and other NJCAA branded graphics to championship apparel. **Participating championship teams can order merchandise on-site or directly from Fine Designs prior to the championship.** Please see below for details on both options:

1. **Order and Pay Onsite:** A team order can be placed on-site via a team order form and working directly with a Fine Designs rep. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash. Merchandise will be provided on-site. Team order forms will be provided on-site at the championship and can be accessed by visiting: [Onsite Team Order Form](#). *The Team order form must be submitted on-site and is not able to be submitted prior to the event.*
2. **Order Direct:** Fine Designs can be contacted via email or phone to place a custom order for merchandise *prior to the championship*. The order can be paid by check or directly by the college. Merchandise will be shipped to the address and shipping method selected by the college. Contact Information for Fine Designs to place an order is below. *Direct orders are not able to be shipped to the championship site and will not be available for pick-up at the merchandise booth.*

Email: [Midlandcustomerservice@finedesigns.com](mailto:Midlandcustomerservice@finedesigns.com)

Phone: (859) 241-1265

For any Fine Designs customer service inquiries, please contact:

Inna Kasaev, Fine Designs

[inna.r@finedesigns.com](mailto:inna.r@finedesigns.com)

(859) 241-1265

To simplify your athletic department's expense management, CommercePayments' prepaid expense card allows administrators and coaches to streamline the process of providing teams with spending money.

For more information, contact:

Robyn Montoya

[Robyn.Montoya@CommerceBank.com](mailto:Robyn.Montoya@CommerceBank.com)

## MEDIA RELATIONS

### OFFICIAL NJCAA CHAMPIONSHIP WEBSITE

The official 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship website can be found by visiting: <https://www.njcaa.org/championships/sports/wrest/index>

The official 2023 NJCAA Wrestling Women's Invitational website can be found by visiting: <https://www.njcaa.org/championships/sports/wwrest/index>

The official championship website contains the tournament schedule and results, official brackets, photo galleries, historical archives, ticketing information, and more.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the NJCAA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational:



@NJCAA  
@NJCAAWrestling  
@NJCAANetwork



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## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship official results can be found by visiting: <https://www.njcaa.org/championships/sports/wrest/index>

The 2023 NJCAA Wrestling Women's Invitational official results can be found by visiting: <https://www.njcaa.org/championships/sports/wwrest/index>

For questions regarding official results, please contact:

Bailey Grossetti

NJCAA Athletic Communications Associate

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## CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTO AND VIDEO REQUESTS

All media parties requesting access photos or video highlights from the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational should do so by completing the [NJCAA Championship Media Request Form](#).

This form should be completed by participating team sport information directors or individuals from television news outlets, print newspapers, sports websites and blogs, or radio.

## NJCAA NETWORK

All broadcasting rights (radio, TV, Internet streaming) of NJCAA Championship Events are exclusive to the NJCAA and the NJCAA will have final authority over all broadcasts. The NJCAA reserves the right to broadcast any of its championship events on its official digital network – NJCAA Network ([njcaa.org/network](http://njcaa.org/network)) or any other third-party.

Any rebroadcast, retransmission, or other use of NJCAA Network broadcasts without written consent of the National Junior College Athletic Association is prohibited.

## NJCAA NETWORK

The entirety of the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational will be broadcast live on the NJCAA Network and will be available to view on-demand at the conclusion of each contest. The NJCAA Network is available through a variety of pay-per-view pricing options:

- Tournament Pass - \$15
- All-Access Pass (all 2022-23 NJCAA Championship events) - \$100

The **athletic director** of each team participating in the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational will receive complimentary access to view all of the championship's games on the NJCAA Network. The complimentary access will ONLY be for the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational.

The athletic director will receive instructions via email from the NJCAA Marketing & Communications Department prior to the start of the tournament. Complimentary NJCAA Network access is provided so that coaches can scout opponents, review film, and for athletic staff unable to attend the championship. Schools are permitted to use the complimentary viewing access for on-campus viewing parties. The complementary access is **NOT** permitted to be shared with fans, parents, boosters, etc.

The **head coach** of each team participating in the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's



Wrestling Invitational will have the ability to review archive video of individual bouts via Google Drive folder. Prior to the event, each head coach will receive an email from the NJCAA with further instructions.

For questions regarding complimentary NJCAA Network access, please contact: [media@njcaa.org](mailto:media@njcaa.org).

## **RADIO & TV BROADCASTING POLICIES**

TV and/or radio broadcasting will not be permitted for the 2023 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational.

## **NJCAA CODE OF CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY**

### **NJCAA CODE OF CONDUCT**

This code of conduct applies to any and all contests/competition in which any NJCAA member college participates. Violations of the code of conduct occurring during the regularly scheduled season events shall be referred to the respective conference or region standards and ethics committee. The jurisdiction of the NJCAA Code of Conduct applies to all NJCAA member colleges and its representatives.

#### **Code of Conduct**

- A. Coaches and team personnel shall recognize the responsibility for proper conduct at any and all contests/competitions in which any NJCAA member college participates.
- B. Coaches shall recognize and assume responsibility for the actions of themselves and the team members. Each coach who has participants competing in the event shall be responsible for informing each participant about the Code of Conduct.

#### **Behavior**

Coaches, players and institutional personnel must remember that they are representatives of an institution of higher learning, its faculty, administration and student body. As such, they are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which would reflect credit on their team, institution, region and the NJCAA. Student-athletes, coaches and institutional personnel who are representing the NJCAA or NJCAA member colleges are subject to all NJCAA rules, regulations and penalties as stated in the NJCAA Handbook as well as local, state and federal laws.

Inappropriate and unacceptable behavior by coaches, players or institutional personnel will not be tolerated before, during, or after contests; at the hotel or in public while representing their college. This Code of Conduct does not replace Article XVIII of the NJCAA Handbook. Unacceptable forms of behavior include, but are not limited to:

1. Fighting
2. Taunting
3. Inappropriate celebration
4. Disrespectful attitude toward opponents, officials, tournament administrators
5. Use of profane and vulgar language
6. Use of drugs and/or alcohol, tobacco (including but not limited to e-cigarettes, vaping, etc.)
7. Disrespectful attitude toward host hotel personnel
8. Unlawful activities
9. Physical abuse or damage to college property or host hotel property.



### **Derogatory Comments**

- A. Players, coaches and institutional personnel shall not make any derogatory public comments regarding contests, competitions or game officials at any time; in print, broadcast social media, news releases or any other communications where comments may become public. The head coach will be responsible for any derogatory comment made by any player, coach or institutional personnel.
- B. A coach shall not address or permit anyone from making uncomplimentary remarks to any game official before, during, and/or after any and all NJCAA member contests/competitions in which any NJCAA member participates.

### **Reporting**

Violations of the Code of Conduct shall be reported to:

1. To the respective Region Director all regular season and region competition violations.
2. Postseason violations shall be reported to the Executive Director of the NJCAA or his/her designee.

### **Procedures - Immediate Action**

Where immediate action is needed to alleviate or control a situation:

- During the championship, the Executive Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to act at his/her sole discretion. Examples of events which would require immediate action include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Allegation of serious misconduct requiring immediate suspension of institutional personnel or student- athletes from competition.
  - Instances where the Executive Director or his/her designee deems it necessary to protect the equity and integrity of the competition.
  - Protection of the event's officiating program, particularly in an instance where public comments by an institutional representative may affect competition.
  - Any instance or circumstance which might affect the safety of officials, participants or spectators attending the event.

### **Penalties - Immediate Action**

The Executive Director or his/her designee during championship competition may issue any penalty that he/she believes appropriate to any student- athlete or institutional personnel who has violated the regulations pertaining to conduct when the Executive Director or his/her designee concludes that immediate action is required. The actions of the Executive Director or his/her designee, during the championship shall be final and binding but shall be reported to the NJCAA Board of Regents within one (1) week.

### **Penalties - Timely Action**

*Reprimand:* The NJCAA Executive Director or NJCAA Board of Regents may issue a letter of reprimand to the coach, player or institutional personnel who violates the regulations pertaining to conduct. Copies of the letter of reprimand will be sent to the Director of Athletics, the President of the institution and the Region Director and/or National Office.

*Probation, suspension and other penalties:* If the misconduct is serious enough, the Executive Director or his/her designee during championship competition may issue other penalties which may include, but are not limited to, probation, suspension or disqualification of the coach, player or institutional personnel from participating in one or more contests.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

A basic principle of NJCAA athletic competition is to develop and foster respect for fellow participants, coaches, officials and spectators. Players, coaches and team personnel will recognize their responsibility for proper conduct before, during and after every contest. Coaches and Athletic Directors will recognize and assume responsibility for the behavior of themselves, players, staff, game management personnel and representatives of the respective NJCAA member institution.

### Violent

*Violent behavior is defined as:*

- An act in which physical contact or an attempt to make physical contact occurs with the purpose to do damage, harm, intimidate, incite a fight or otherwise injure a player, coach, referee, spectator or game management personnel or damage property.
- Engaging in hostile or abusive language or harassment that refers to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and national origin and/or other threatening language.
- An act in which any bench personnel other than the head coach (or in the absence of the head coach the acting head coach) leave the bench area or designated warm-up area when a fight may break out or has broken out.
- When dealing with the football targeting rule, if a foul is called, the following will be adhered to as taken from the sport rulebook.
  - As targeting is a penalty, it would not be considered a violent ejection, it would be part of the football rules and enforced within the football rulebook. If the foul occurs in the first half of a game, the player is ejected for the remainder of the game. If the foul occurs in the second half or overtime of a game, the player is ejected for the remainder of that game and the first half of the next contest.

Penalties - The following penalties will be assessed if a game official ejects a player, coach, team personnel, staff member, or game management personnel for violent unsportsmanlike behavior:

- Immediate ejection and removal from the venue as defined by sight and sound.
- Mandatory ejection and removal from the venue for any bench personnel other than the head coach who leaves the bench or designated warm up area when a fight may break out or has broken out.
- A two-contest suspension to be served during the next two regularly scheduled or postseason contests. Suspension of a coach or player at the end of a season of play shall carry over to the following season.
- Should a player, coach or team representative receive as their first two ejections, a violent and a non-violent ejection, in any order, they must serve a three (3) contest suspension.
- Should the player, coach or team personnel be ejected for violent behavior a second time during the season, that individual shall be prohibited from participating in athletic contests of that institution for the remainder of the academic year, including postseason play.
- Penalties shall be imposed automatically by the offending institution with suspensions to be in effect for the next two regularly scheduled contests as appearing on the published schedule of the

institution at the time of the ejection.

- The referee may end the contest.

#### Failure to report and/or comply

Failure to report and/or comply will result in:

- For the first occurrence, the penalties will double for the offending participant, with the head coach also serving the doubled portion of the penalty and a letter of reprimand shall be sent to the Director of Athletics and the President of the institution.
- For the second occurrence, the penalties will double, and a sanction of probation shall be given to the offending institution for that sport in that year.
- Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with Article XV, Section 3.A. must be forfeited

#### Non-Violent

Definition - Non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior is defined as profanity, vulgar gestures, trash talking, taunting or abusive language directed at players, coaches, referees, game management personnel and/or spectators. The use of tobacco or alcohol during NJCAA sponsored events is prohibited within this rule.

Penalties - The following penalties will be assessed if a game official ejects a player, coach, team personnel, staff member, or game management personnel for non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior:

- Immediate ejection and removal from the venue as defined by sight and sound.
- For the first non-violent ejection of the sport season, a one contest suspension to be served during the next regularly scheduled or postseason contest, unless a previous violent ejection was served. Suspension of a coach or player at the end of the season of play shall carry over to the following season. For the second non-violent ejection of the sport season, a two-game suspension shall be served. For the third non-violent ejection of the sport season, a four-game suspension shall be served. Each subsequent ejection will result in a doubling of the suspension previously served.
- Should a player, coach or team representative receive as their first two ejections, a violent and a non-violent ejection, in any order, they must serve a three (3) contest suspension.
- Penalties shall be imposed automatically by the offending institution with suspensions to be in effect for the next regularly scheduled contest as appearing on the published schedule of the institution at the time of the ejection.

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Ejection of the Head Coach: The game shall be terminated, and a forfeit declared if the head coach is ejected

and there is no assistant coach or other college staff contractually bound to the institution willing to assume responsibility for the team.

## **LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

### **RESTAURANTS**

Please visit [unleashcb.com](http://unleashcb.com) for all the restaurants in the Council Bluffs, IA area.

## **RECRUITERS**

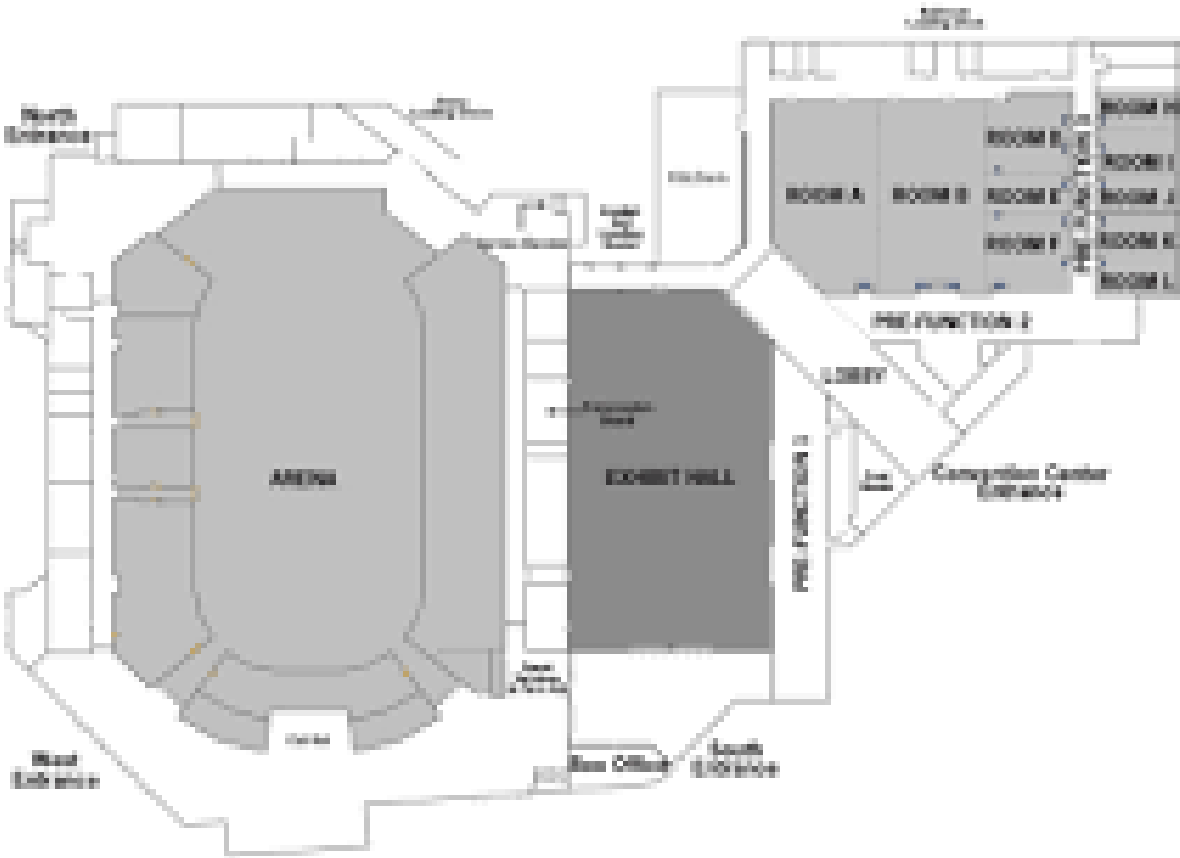
### **ENTRY**

Recruiters will be charged a \$100 entry fee for the championship. Included in that fee is a credential for a floor pass as well as full access to the championship hospitality room.

APPENDIX 1

VENUE MAP

MID-AMERICA CENTER - PROPERTY MAP







# FINE DESIGNS OFFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE PROVIDER



## OFFICIAL NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MERCHANDISE

is provided exclusively by Fine Designs with an expansive list of items and customization options that include adding player numbers, team names and other NJCAA branded graphics to championship apparel. Participating championship teams can order merchandise on-site or directly from Fine Designs. Please see below for details on both options:

### **Order and Pay Onsite:**

We encourage team orders be placed on-site via a team order form and working directly with a Fine Designs rep. Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash. Merchandise will be provided on-site. Team order forms will be provided on-site at the championship or can be accessed [HERE](#). The Team order form must be submitted on-site and is not able to be submitted prior to the event.

### **Order Direct:**

Fine Designs can be contacted via email or phone to place a custom order for a limited selection of merchandise. The order can be paid by credit card or check directly by the college. Merchandise will be shipped to the address and shipping method selected by the college and is not guaranteed to arrive by date(s) of competition. Direct orders are not able to be shipped to the championship site and will not be available for pick-up at the merchandise booth.

Contact Information for Fine Designs to place an order is below, in addition to information on merchandise pricing.



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