



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 2026 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 6-7, 2026. 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
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NJCAA Representative	Brett Monaghan		bmonaghan@njcaa.org
NJCAA Representative	Wolf Brethorst		wbrethorst@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

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

6:45 a.m. Skin checks

7:00 a.m. Official weigh-in

9:00 a.m. Preliminaries/Championship First Rounds

Consolation Preliminaries/Championship Second Round/Consolation First Round/Consolation second round

5:45 p.m. Championship Quarterfinals/ Consolation third round/Consolation fourth 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/ Consolation Quarterfinals

11:00 a.m. Consolation Semifinals

12:15 p.m. 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 approximate

NOTE: For all matches only people around mat side are the wrestler, his coaches, and the wrestler and coaches who are on deck.

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

Championship Second Round/ Consolation First Round

Consolation Second Round

Consolation Third Round

5:45 p.m. Championship Quarterfinals

Consolation Fourth Round

Consolation Quarterfinals

11 p.m. Workout facilities will close

Saturday

6 a.m. - 7:25 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

11:00 a.m. Consolation Semifinals

12:15 p.m. 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 to follow

These times are approximate

NOTE: For all matches only people around mat side are the wrestler, her coaches, and the wrestler and coaches who are on deck.

WARM UP

There are warm up mats at the North entry of the arena and the hallway behind the weigh in scales.

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET

There will be no pre-championship banquet.

COACHES MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 5th

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

DISTRICT QUALIFIERS

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		

Men’s Championship District Qualifiers

District Deadline: Sunday, February 22, 2026

Any Districts completed prior to Sunday, Feb. 22, must submit same day after completion of District Qualifier.

District results should be sent to the following:

- nskaar@denver.k12.ia.us
- shane.larson@iwcc.edu
- wbrethorst@njcaa.org
- marci.henry@njc.edu

POST-CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

NJCAA Men’s Wrestling Championship Awards



Awards shall be given to the first, second, and third 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.

NJCAA Wrestling Coaches Association Awards (Presented before finals)

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 Coaches Association Hall of Fame Awards. (Presented before finals start)

*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 Invitational 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 8th place finishers at the NJCAA Wrestling Invitational by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.



A Team Sportsmanship Award will be presented at the Wrestling National Invitational

TOURNAMENT DEADLINES

ENTRY FEE

Each participating wrestler will be charged a \$35 entry fee in order to participate in the 2026 NJCAA Wrestling Championship & Women's Wrestling Invitational. This fee is due at check in on Thursday. (Cash, Check or Credit Card)

One additional coaches pass per team can be purchased for \$50 at registration. This is not to be used for a student athlete, coaches should be listed on your institutional website.

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 **Wednesday February 18th, 2026 at 1 pm ET (WOMEN) and Monday, February 23, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET. (MEN)**

Men's Wrestling Championship -

https://njcaa.formstack.com/forms/2026_men_s_wrestling_participant_info

Women's Wrestling Invitational -

https://njcaa.formstack.com/forms/2026_women_s_wrestling_participant_info_form

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) - One additional pass can be purchased for \$50.

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 pass gate and weigh-ins.

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

* DEADLINE for submitting all above information online is **Wednesday February 18th, 2026 at 1 pm ET (WOMEN) and Monday, February 23, 2026 at 5:00 PM ET. (MEN)**

VENUE INFORMATION

OFFICIAL TEAM ENTRANCE

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



LOCKER ROOMS

Locker Rooms will **NOT** be 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. Tickets can be purchased through ticketmaster.

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. (Cash Only)

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. (Cash Only)

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

Serviced by what Airlines: All Major Airlines

HOTELS



TEAM HOTELS

The following link can be used to reserve your hotel rooms:

<https://presto.eventpipe.com/event/512885e4-832a-4fe6-a7ec-af8b46407044>

MEDICAL

ATHLETIC TRAINING

Contact: Andrew Mohr

Phone: 712-256-6556

Email: amohr@iwcc.edu

CHAMPIONSHIP MEDIAL CONTACTS

CHI - Mercy Hospital

Phone: 712-328-5000

LOCAL HOSPITALS

Distance from Championship Site: 6 miles

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

Team credentials will be picked up by Team personnel, when they pay their entry fee on Thursday, March 5th at the North Entry of the Mid-America Center from 10:30 am to 3:00pm (CST). Teams not reporting or calling in to say they will be late are to subject to discipline action.

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:

media@njcaa.org

HOSPITALITY

CHAMPIONSHIP HOSPITALITY

Friday - 11:00am – 1:00pm & 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday - 11:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm-6:00pm

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: contact@fdkyteam.com

Phone: (859) 241-1265

For any Fine Designs customer service inquiries, please contact:

Inna Kasaev, Fine Designs



inna@fdkyteam.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

MEDIA RELATIONS

OFFICIAL NJCAA CHAMPIONSHIP WEBSITE

The official 2026 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship website can be found by visiting: <https://www.njcaa.org/championships/sports/wrest/index>

The official 2026 NJCAA Women's Wrestling 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, game box scores, official bracket, photo galleries, video highlights, historical archives, ticketing information, and more.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the NJCAA on social media for the most up-to-date information surrounding the 2026 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational.



@NJCAA

@NJCAAWrestling

@NJCAANetwork



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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 2026 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship official results can be found by visiting: <https://www.njcaa.org/championships/sports/wrest/index>

The 2026 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:

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NJCAA Athletic Communications Associate

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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](https://www.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 2026 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 - \$20.00
- All-Access Pass (all 2025-26 NJCAA Championship events) - \$100.00

The **athletic director** of each team participating in the 2025 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 2025 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 the game they played, and for athletic staff unable to attend the championship. Schools are permitted to use the complimentary viewing access for on-campus viewing parties. The complimentary access is **NOT** permitted to be shared with fans, parents, boosters, etc.

For questions regarding complimentary NJCAA Network access, please contact: media@njcaa.org.

RADIO & TV BROADCASTING POLICIES

TV broadcasting will not be permitted for the 2026 NJCAA Men's Wrestling Championship and Women's Wrestling Invitational.

NJCAA SPORTSMANSHIP & CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

NJCAA SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Section 1 - General Sportsmanship Expectations: A basic principle of NJCAA athletic competition is to develop and foster respect for fellow participants, coaches, officials and spectators.

Sportsmanship applies to all athletic events involving NJCAA member institutions, conferences and/or regions.

Sport rulebooks may apply rules and regulations that are more restrictive than those found in this section.

A. Players, coaches and team personnel will recognize their responsibility for proper conduct before, during and after every contest.

B. 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.

Section 2 - Ejections

A. Violent

A.1. Violent behavior is defined as:



A.1.a. 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.

A.1.b. Engaging in hostile or abusive language or harassment that refers to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and national origin and/or other threatening language.

A.1.c. An act in which any player or non-game management personnel leave the bench area or designated warm-up area, when a fight may break out or has broken out. Added 9/1/2023

A.1.d. When dealing with the football targeting rule, if a foul is called, the following will be adhered to as taken from the sport rulebook.

A.1.d.i. 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.

A.2. 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:

A.2.a. Immediate ejection and removal from the venue as defined by sight and sound

A.2.b. 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.

A.2.c. 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.

A.2.d. 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.

A.2.e 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.

A.2.f The referee may end the contest.

A.3. Failure to report and/or comply: Failure to report and/or comply will result in:

A.3.a. 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.

A.3.b. 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.

A.3.c. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with the NJCAA Policies Manual – Sportsmanship, must be forfeited.

B. Non-Violent

B.1. 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.

B.2. 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:

B.2.a. Immediate ejection and removal from the venue as defined by sight and sound.

B.2.b. 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.

B.2.c. 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.

B.2.d. 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.

B.3. Failure to report and/or comply - Failure to report and/or comply will result in:

B.3.a. For the first occurrence, the penalties will double for the offending participant and the head coach also serving the double portion of the penalty. A letter of reprimand shall be sent to the Director of Athletics and the President of the institution.

B.3.b. For the second occurrence, penalties will double, and a sanction of probation shall be given to the offending institution for that sport in that year.

B.3.c. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with NJCAA Policies Manual - Sportsmanship. must be forfeited.

C. 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.

Section 3 - Non-Collegial Incident

A. Definition - Any act or incident not in accordance with NJCAA Policies Manual – Sportsmanship or the respective NCAA Rule Book, and or any sportsmanship situation not appropriately ruled on by the game officials in charge of the contest in accordance with NJCAA bylaws. Examples: multiple ejections, bench clearing altercations, postgame altercations, game official(s) in charge of the contest does not allow the contest to be completed in its entirety.

B. Penalties – Will be administered by the NJCAA National Office on a case-by-case basis in support of NJCAA Policies Manual – Sportsmanship and the respective NCAA Rule Book.

C. Failure to report and/or comply - Failure to report and/or comply will result in:

C.1. For the first occurrence, the penalties will double for the offending participant, with the head coach also serving the double portion of the penalty and a letter of reprimand shall be sent to the Di-



rector of Athletics and the President of the institution.

C.2. For the second occurrence, penalties will double, and a sanction of probation shall be given to the offending institution for that sport in that year.

C.3. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with NJCAA Policies Manual - Sportsmanship must be forfeited.

Section 4 – Entering Spectator Area

No player, coach or bench personnel may leave the playing area and enter into the spectator area of the facility to engage in any type of verbal or physical conflict. Penalty for violation of this rule shall be immediate ejection from the contest and suspension from all intercollegiate athletic contests of that institution for the remainder of the academic year including playoffs.

Section 5 – Reporting

A. Single Person Ejections – In the case where a single incident resulted in a single individual being ejected, the report must be submitted in the Admin Portal by noon the next business day.

A.1. The Athletic Director of the member institution from which the player, coach, or staff member is ejected is required to fill out the ejection report and submit to their Regional Director in addition to submission via the Admin Portal. (Note: Reporting is required for all regular and post-season competition.) Revised 9/1/2023

A.2. Ejection Reports – Ejection reports of violent ejections will include a written notification to the President with a copy sent to the Athletic Director of the offending college. This notification will be sent by the Regional Director or his/her designee in the region where the college of the offending player or coach resides.

B. Multiple Person Ejections and Non-Collegial Incidents - In the case of an incident where two (2) or more individuals are ejected, in a single incident, or in the case of a Non-Collegial Incident, the report must be communicated to the NJCAA National Office by noon the next business day.

B.1. Game officials do not have to eject players, personnel, or a coach or staff member, to require this report.

B.2. The Athletic Directors of the member institutions involved in the contest shall notify, in writing, the NJCAA President/CEO following any incident which involves two or more individuals by noon local time of the first business day following the incident. If the ejections are from only one institution, then only that institution is required to submit. If they are from more than one, then any institution involved in the incident would need to submit. (Note: Reporting procedures must be followed for all regular and postseason competition).

B.3. A copy of the report should be sent to the respective Regional Director in addition to the NJCAA President/CEO, and the Compliance Office at ejections@njcaa.org

B.4. Details of Report – Multiple Person and Non-Collegial Incident Reports must include a detailed accounting of the following:

- B.4.a. Date and location of incident
- B.4.b. Names of individuals involved in the incident
- B.4.c. Names of schools involved in the incident



B.4.d. Specific details of the incident

B.4.e. Were there any ejections as a result of the incident? If so, provide details.

B.4.f. Is there a video of the incident? If there is a video it should be provided with the report.

C. Regional Director Reporting Structure for Ejections:

C.1. The Regional Director or his/her designee shall keep a record of all ejections in their respective region. The record shall include the name of the person ejected and institution, the date of the ejection, the reason for the ejection and the penalty imposed.

Section 6 - Jurisdiction

A. Single person ejections - Region Level

B. Multiple person ejections and Non-Collegial incidents - NJCAA National Office

Section 7 – Appeals

A. Participants in all NJCAA certified sports are subject to the penalties listed for the ejections.

B. There is no appeal of a game(s) suspension resulting from an ejection by a game official except:

B.1. When there is the college's irrefutable game video evidence that the wrong student athlete(s)/coach(s) was ejected. If the wrong student-athlete(s)/coach(s) was ejected, the penalty will be assessed to the student-athlete(s)/coach(s) in violation and he/she will serve the complete suspension.

B.2. All game suspensions will be in effect during the appeals process.

B.3. Only the institution of the student-athlete(s)/coach(s) that was ejected can appeal.

B.4. The NJCAA National Office will rule on all appeals.

B.5. The level of the ejection cannot be appealed but the National office can review the submitted reports to make sure the ejection was properly designated and applied. (violent vs. non-violent).

Section 8 - Game Officials and Game Management Personnel

An act in which verbal abuse, 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 game official and/or game management personnel will lead to a suspension for a minimum of two games and a maximum of one year.

Section 9 – Suspensions

Personnel and athletes suspended under these NJCAA rules shall not be allowed in the facility/gym/field/complex at any time after the officials have arrived before or during the contest and may not coach or participate beginning two hours before the scheduled game time, during play, or at half-time. Coaches may not return to the facility until after the officials have left and the game is official.

Suspended individuals must remain out of sight and sound while serving a suspension. Sight and sound is defined as the individual should not be able to be seen or heard by the officials. Regions may provide more specific guidelines based on the sport and facilities.

A. Suspended coaches may travel with the team but cannot participate in pre-game or in-game activities.

B. Suspended athletes may not travel with the team while serving a suspension.

B.1. However, in those instances where the team is travelling to play more games than the number of



games for which the student-athlete is suspended, the student-athlete can travel with the team.

NJCAA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL NJCAA MEMBER-SPONSORED EVENTS

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 their 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.
- C. The Head Coach, assistant coaches (recognized on the roster and college website, and other non-student personnel (athletic trainers, athletic administrators) are allowed to enter the court or field area to assist with deterring a possible fight or to assist in breaking up an existing altercation. Individuals who escalate the existing situation or do not act in a professional manner, could be subject to penalties or sanctions. 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 positively 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, respective NCAA rulebook, 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 NJCAA Policies Manual – Sportsmanship 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 or language that refers to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, and national origin and/or other threatening 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 comments or actions 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 for all regular season and region/district competition violations.
2. National Championship or Invitational violations shall be reported to the CEO/President of the NJCAA and to the Compliance Department at compliance@njcaa.org

Procedures - Immediate Action

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

A. During regular season and/or the Region Tournament competition: The Region Director or Assistant Region Director shall have the authority to act at his/her sole discretion. During District and/or National postseason competition, the Tournament Director and/or on-sight Administrator 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 Region Director or Assistant Region Director during regular season and/or Region Tournament competition and the CEO/President or his/her designee during District and/or National postseason 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 Region Director, Assistant Region Director, Executive Director or his/her designee concludes that immediate action is required. The actions of the Region Director or Assistant Region Director during regular season and/or Region Tournament competition and the CEO/President or his/her designee, during District and/or National postseason competition, shall be final and binding.

Penalties - Timely Action

Reprimand: The Region Director or Assistant Region Director during regular season and/or region tourna-



ment competition and the NJCAA CEO/President 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 Region Director or Assistant Region Director during regular season and/or Region Tournament competition and the CEO/President or his/her designee during District and/or National postseason competition may issue other penalties which may include, but are not limited to, probation, suspension or disqualification of the coach, player, team, or institutional personnel from participating in one or more contests.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

RESTAURANTS

Please visit unleashcb.com for all the restaurants in the Council Bluffs, IA area.

RECRUITERS

ENTRY

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



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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.

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