

Welcome

Members Present:

- Na Humma (Chair)
- Susanna Sylstad
- Sam Julian
- Cody Goessl
- Nick Kindred
- Jason Salley (Guest - NCWA Duals)
- Tim Pierson (Guest - USAWOA Exec. Board Rep.)
- *Rob Roy - Absent*

Clarification of Committee Responsibilities (*Information*)

Committee responsibilities include establishing minimum requirements for referee eligibility to work women's freestyle collegiate events (NCAA, NAIA, WCWA, and JUCO/Community College), evaluate eligible officials, assign leadership and mat officials to collegiate national, conference, and regional championships, and recommend conference/regional assignors, as needed.

National Tournament Head Official/Jury Recommendations (*Discussion/Action*)

NCWA Nat'l Duals - Toska Adams (IN)

WCWA - *TBA once location is selected by WCWA*

JUCO Nat'l - Rene Flores (MT)

NCWWC (NCAA) - Na Humma (TX) and Cynthia Mosconi (IN)

NAIA - Tim Condit (IL) and Rob Crowe (MN)

Jason requested clarification of college assignments.

A person may only be assigned to one Collegiate National Championship, either as a head official or a mat official (ex. If Rick Tucci is assigned as the head official of the JUCO Nationals, he cannot also be selected as a mat official for the NAIA National Invitational Championships for the same season).

An official assigned or selected for a national championship, can still be selected for a regional or conference championship in their area. It was also further clarified by the committee that it is not a requirement to work a regional or conference event in order to be selected for a national championship event at this time.

Need for a head official's report was brought up; the USWOA head official report will be used as a template and will include the addition of the total number of athletes and mats used per session, to ensure that we are appropriately staffing events. Cody volunteered to evaluate the overall numbers at the conclusion of the 2020-21 season and create a report for the committee.

Conference Process

Possible Calendar Discussion (Coaches Council - season)

Championship Process

Conference Assignors (MSC, KCAC)

- Na Humma will act as Mid-South Conference Assignor, Rob Roy will act as Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Assignor.

Plan for Future Conference Championships (SAC, CCC, Heart of America Conf.)

- Conference assignors can be any member of the USWOA general membership. Assignors will be officials who are knowledgeable of the skill level of officials that can serve the conference, but will be from outside the conference area itself to maintain transparency and eliminate the risk of the assignor putting themselves into events for that conference.

NCAA Update (*Information*)

Emerging Sport Status

WCWC Process

Championship Process

Qualification System

- NCAA will be moving to a regional qualification for the 2021 Championships. The top five athletes per weight class from each regional championship will qualify for the National Championships.

Regional Assignor Possibility

- NCAA coaches are in favour of having regional assignors and will discuss at the NCAA Women's Wrestling Coaches Council meeting in July. If the Coaches Council approves the use of assignors, they will be selected using the same criteria as the NAIA Conference Assignors.

Regular Season Events (Non-Assigned) (*Information*)

Calendar Update (*Information*)

Composite Calendar Outline

Proposal for Regional Representation on Committee (*Discussion/Action*)

1 representative per USAW region to comprise committee

Approved by acclamation, new members to be added at the conclusion of the NAIA Invitational Championships on March 14, 2021 to begin work for the 2021-22 competition season. The committee will consider expanding to two representatives per region, as women's college teams continue to grow.

Toska Adams (IN) will represent the Central Region and Jim Diehl (VA) will represent the Southeast Region.

Tim and Sam addressed the need for additional transparency to align with the efforts being made by the USWOA Board. Na Humma volunteered to contact Tom Kuisle to get a Women's College Wrestling page added to the USWOA website where qualification information, selection criteria for championship events, and committee meeting minutes can be housed together. Tim suggested to also share any new developments through the USWOA social media outlets to increase the reach of information.