

WIAC WRESTLING OPERATING CODE

2007-08 Season

[Note: The WIAC Sport Codes consist of those policies, procedures, and practices unique or specific to the conduct and administration of each conference championship sport, and are intended as **supplements** to the *NCAA Manual*, *WIAC Handbook on the Governance of Intercollegiate Athletics* and the recognized playing rules of each sport, **not** as replacements for them. In addition, football, volleyball and men's/women's basketball have manuals that include expectations related to the administration of those sports.]

I. RULES

A. Conference/National Rules

Coaches are expected to be knowledgeable of and abide by all WIAC and NCAA rules. When in doubt, coaches are expected to consult with their athletics directors concerning the application of a rule.

B. Contest Rules

NCAA playing rules shall govern wrestling matches involving WIAC institutions. WIAC coaches are required to either attend an NCAA rules clinic or view the NCAA Wrestling Rules Videotape on an annual basis.

II. SPORT SEASON

A. Squad Limits [See WIAC Bylaw 16.1]

The number of student-athletes permitted to participate (practice or compete) in wrestling is limited to 30 (plus allowable additions).

B. Length of Season/Contest Limitation

Refer to current NCAA Manual [Bylaw 17.30]

C. Scheduling

A conference dual-meet schedule will be established each year. In instances in which a number of forfeitures are evident, schools are encouraged to schedule competitions involving multiple schools to ensure the most cost-effective trips.

D. Officials

1. Officials for regular-season competitions will be selected and contracted by the host institution. Contracted officials are required to either attend an NCAA sponsored rules clinic or view the NCAA Wrestling Rules Videotape on an annual basis.
2. Head coaches are required to submit a written evaluation of officials to the conference office following each WIAC competition using the form prescribed by the conference (**See Attachment #1.**)

E. Weigh-ins

1. Weigh-ins will be conducted in accordance with the procedures stipulated by the NCAA.

2. Weight classes shall be mandatory for all collegiate competitions. The ten classes are: 125, 133, 141, 149, 157, 165, 174, 184, 197, and 285.

F. Length of Matches

Individual matches in dual and double dual meets shall be seven (7) minutes in length. Matches in triple dual meets may be (6) minutes in length. All double and dual matches shall be seven (7) minutes.

G. Wisconsin Division III Rankings

A coach(es) will be designated the responsibility to compile a ranking of Top 10 Division III teams and Top 8 wrestlers for publication on various websites including the WIAC website.

[Note: Craig Walter and Dave Novickis will assume this responsibility for the 2007-08 season.]

III. CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP [See Guidelines for the Administration of WIAC Championships.]

A. Site

The site of the conference championship meet shall rotate alphabetically. No institution shall lose its right to host the meet by passing its turn for one year or more, but shall retain its place at the top of the list.

2004 – Whitewater	2008 – Lawrence	2012 – Whitewater
2005 – Lawrence	2009 – Oshkosh	2013 – Eau Claire
2006 – Eau Claire	2010 – Stevens Point	
2007 – La Crosse	2011 – Platteville	

B. Entries

Entries for the championship shall be filed not less than ten (10) days in advance of the meet, on forms furnished by the host institution at least three (3) weeks in advance of the meet.

C. Length of Matches

All matches at the conference championships (including wrestle backs) shall be seven (7) minutes in length.

D. Officials

Officials for the conference championship will be selected and contracted by the conference office. A total of four (4) officials will be used for the championships. The host institution is responsible for paying the officials a fee of \$275/official plus any lodging and mileage.

Mileage and/or lodging is to be provided as follows:

<u>Travel Distance (one way)</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Lodging*</u>
0-24 miles	\$ 0	No
25-49 miles	\$20	Yes
50-99 miles	\$30	Yes
100-199 miles	\$40	Yes
200 or more miles	\$50	Yes

* Lodging is to be provided only if it is a multi-day event or an early morning start time necessitates that the official(s) travel the night before. Lodging arrangements are to be coordinated through the host institution.

E. Seeding

1. The coaches shall conduct a meeting for seeding purposes the night prior to the conduct of the championships. (**See Attachment #2**). Only the top four (4) wrestlers will be seeded in each weight class.
2. The following criteria will be applied for seeding the championship:
Criteria #1 – Head-to-head competition
#2 – Conference record against opponents in the tournament.

Additional criteria to be considered in aggregate are:

- a) overall won/loss record
- b) record against common opponent, and
- c) returning place winner

F. Scoring

1. Scoring will be in accordance with NCAA team scoring guidelines. Only six (6) places will be considered for points. The scoring shall be sixteen (16) points for first place, twelve (12) points for second place, nine (9) points for third place, seven (7) points for fourth place, five (5) points for fifth place, and three (3) points for sixth place.
2. Wrestle-offs will be used to determine fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) place finishers, with the acquired points being factored into the team point totals.

G. Meet Management

The host institution has the discretion to utilize a software program of its own choosing for the purpose of managing the tournament. **See also Attachment #3.**

H. Skin Checks

Skin checks are to be conducted on Saturday immediately prior to the seeding meeting.

I. Championship Round Introduction

Championship round wrestlers should be introduced using the information submitted on the "Individual Wrestler Information Sheet" (**refer to Attachment #4**).

J. NCAA Wild Card and Alternate Selections

1. The sport committee shall select the conference's "wild card" selection for the NCAA Championships immediately following the completion of the WIAC Championship event. The host institution is responsible for compiling the results from already completed qualifying meets for the committee's consideration at the committee's wild card selection meeting.
2. Wild card selections are to be made in accordance with the following:
 - a. Only head coaches are permitted to vote.
 - b. Each head coach will submit their own wild card nominations and will be permitted to speak on behalf of their nominees.

- c. Voting will be completed by ballot with each head coach voting for one fewer wild cards than the number allotted to the conference. For example, if the conference is allotted 9 wild cards, each coach will vote for 8 nominees.
 - d. Any nominee who is a unanimous selection will be a wild card qualifier.
 - e. Nominees are eliminated from the board and ballots are recast with each coach voting for one fewer than the number of remaining wild card slots available.
 - f. Unanimous votes are once again wild card qualifiers.
 - g. This process will continue until all wild card slots are filled.
3. The sport committee will also be expected to select four (4) alternates ranked in priority order.

IV. AWARDS

A. Conference Championship

The conference champion will be determined on the basis of the conference tournament. A championship award (plaque or trophy) will be awarded to the conference championship team. Each member of the championship team will receive a certificate. Medals will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in each weight class following the completion of the competition.

B. Athlete-of-the-Week

Each week during the regular season, the conference office will select a wrestler athlete-of-the-week when nominations and data are sufficient. The recipients will receive a plaque.

C. Coach-of-the-Year

A coach-of-the-year will be selected by the coaches at the conference championship in accordance with the criteria established in WIAC Administrative Regulation 25.4. In wrestling, the coach-of-the-year award shall be entitled the “**Mertz Mortorelli Coach of the Year Award**”. The award will be presented prior to the championship round of the conference championships.

D. Scholar-Athlete Award

A scholar-athlete will be selected prior to the championship in accordance with the criteria established in WIAC Administrative Regulation 25.6. In men’s sports, the award shall be entitled the “**Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete Award**”.

E. All-Conference

The WIAC All-Conference wrestling team shall consist of the top finisher in each weight class at the conference championships. Each recipient will receive a plaque.

F. Wrestler-of-the-Year

The coaches will select a wrestler-of-the-year at their sport committee meeting. The recipient will receive a plaque from the conference.

G. Tournament MVP

The coaches will select a most valuable wrestler immediately following the completion of the conference tournament. The award shall be entitled the “**John Peterson Award**”. The recipient will receive an award from the conference (**refer to Attachment #5**).

VI. SPORT CHAIR/SPORT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A. Sport Chair

The chair of the wrestling sport committee shall be the coach of the conference championship host institution. [See WIAC Administrative Regulation 24.2 for duties and responsibilities of sport chairs.]

B. Sport Committee Meeting/Telephone Conference Call

The wrestling sport committee meeting/telephone conference call will be scheduled following the conclusion of the season by the conference office.

2008 CHAMPIONSHIP

Date:	Sunday, February 24, 2008
Site:	Lawrence University
Meet Director:	Bob Beeman, Lawrence University
Sport Chair:	Dave Novickis, Lawrence University
Athletic Directors' Liaison:	Mark Molesworth, UW-Platteville
Sport Committee Conference Call:	10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2008

WIAC WRESTLING OFFICIAL EVALUATION FORM

COACH: _____ SCHOOL: _____
OPPONENT: _____ DATE: _____
OFFICIAL: _____

Assess each aspect of officiating listed by using this rating scale:
5 = Excellent, 4 = Above Average, 3 = Average, 2 = Below Average, 1 = Poor

- 1. Appearance, poise, professionalism and attitude in the mat area.
2. Clearly communicates with the official's table.
3. Clearly communicates to the wrestlers all violations and points earned.
4. Protects the safety of both wrestlers (preventive officiating, potentially dangerous holds, out-of-bounds, verbal cautions).
5. Controls match dead time (restarts, between periods, injury time outs).
6. Consistently awards points when wrestler gains or loses control. (Reaction time fully understood).
7. Consistently observes relationship of wrestlers from the neutral, down and out-of-bounds positions. In position to make proper calls.
8. Stalling calls are called when recognized. Stalling calls are consistent throughout match (conscious of first and last minute).
9. Mechanical aspects of the official demonstrate correct use of signals, proper positioning, and express a relaxed body language.
10. End of match procedures are completed and a recheck made at the officials table.
11. Complete knowledge of the wrestling rules and changes.
12. Observes unbiased relationships with coaches, wrestlers, and spectators in the mat area. Acts in a courteous manner.
TOTAL POINTS _____

PLEASE EXPLAIN ALL BELOW AVERAGE OR LOWER RATINGS. RECORD ANY COMPLIMENTS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, COMMENT/COMPLIMENT. Includes three rows for handwritten entries.

WIAC Championships Seeding Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Trainers/Physicians
- III. Awards - please dress appropriately
- IV. Brackets
- V. Next Years Host
- VI. Officials Recommendations
- VII. Programs
- VIII. Protest Procedure and Committee
- IX. Wild Card Procedure
- X. Replacement Policy - in order of alternatives
- XI. Season Record Forms - must be typed
- XII. T-shirts
- XIII. Hospitality Room
- XIV. Other Business
- XV. Seeding

WIAC Wrestling Championships Task List/Timeline

October

Make arrangements for any additional mats that are needed.

December/January

Contact WIAA and get a mailing list of all high school wrestling coaches. (optional)

Prepare a t-shirt design.

Mail a tournament brochure to each high school coach in Wisconsin. (optional)

Develop and send a tournament information sheet to all WIAC coaches, and attach order forms for t-shirts and official entry forms for the tournament.

Send a request to other WIAC coaches if you need more riding clocks or digital scales. Ask them to bring them to the tournament.

Secure the tournament software program and have your meet manager familiarize him/herself with the program.

Schedule facilities for weigh-ins and skin test the morning of the meet.

Reserve a room for seeding meeting the night before the meet.

Schedule trainers and physicians for skin tests and the meet.

Identify computers and printers to be used for the meet.

Reserve hospitality room.

February

Compile entry forms and input data into computer.

Contact WIAC wrestling coaches and make sure they type the season record forms, otherwise the NCAA will not accept them.

Locate awards stand.

Locate WIAC Championship banner

Design and print programs (include WIAC Corporate ads)

Get equipment:	
Stop watches	
Paper towels	
Tables	
Tapping towels	
Blood stations	
Scoreboards	
Riding clocks	
Mat stands	
Microphone	
Extension cords	
Extra Phone Cable	
Power strips	
Score sheets	

Schedule workers:	
Tables (scorer, riding clock, scoreboard, and tapper)	
Tickets	
Ushers	
Concessions	
Set-up/tear-down	
Announcer	
Seeding meeting	
Head table	
Runners and attendants	

Run the Meet and Have Fun!!!

WIAC Wrestling Championship

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

Individual Wrestler Information Sheet

Please complete the following information to be used during introductions of the Championship matches:

<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Year in School:</i>	<i>Hometown/State:</i>
<i>Institution:</i>	<i>Weight Class:</i>
<i>Season Record (do not include exhibition matches):</i>	
<i>Previous WIAC and NCAA place finishes (indicate affiliation of each):</i>	
<i>Other placing and accomplishments during the current season:</i>	

Thank you for taking the time to provide us this information!!!

JOHN PETERSON
WRESTLER OF THE MEET

BALLOT

Name, School