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TO: NCAA Wrestling Referees.

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SUBJECT: 2013 NCAA Wrestling Referee Clinics; Officials Registration
Process and Postseason Assignment Selection Criteria.

The NCAA will conduct in-person clinics for wrestling referee certification purposes across all three divisions this fall. At each clinic, secretary-rules editor Ron Beaschler will review new rules and points of emphasis, and national coordinator of officials Pat McCormick will offer the latest instruction on mechanics, positioning, mat control, the role of the assistant referee and other useful topics designed to benefit the collegiate wrestling referee. It is important to note that the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee voted during its April meeting that referees must attend a rules clinic each year.

There will be four in-person clinics; one will be held in conjunction with the National Wrestling Coaches Association Convention, August 3 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and three will be held at the NCAA national office. The three clinics that will be held at the NCAA national office in Indianapolis will also be available via video conference to satellite locations across the country. The NCAA staff is currently working to secure host sites in conjunction with the three Indianapolis dates. The satellite locations will be communicated in a separate correspondence with a registration link for referees to register online. While the times and satellite locations will be confirmed in a future correspondence regarding the Indianapolis dates, it is anticipated that the clinics will take place noon to 5 p.m. Eastern time. Referees from all divisions are welcome at all sites. For those interested in attending the August 3 clinic in conjunction with the NWCA Convention, please contact Heidi Wurster by Thursday, August 1 at hwurster@ncaa.org to register.

The dates for the clinics are as follows:

Saturday, August 3
NWCA Convention, Westin Resort - Fort Lauderdale, Florida

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Sunday, September 15
NCAA national office – Indianapolis

Saturday, October 12
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Sunday, October 13
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During the 2013 annual meeting of the NCAA Wrestling Committees, the postseason selection criteria that will be used to select the referees for championship assignment (regionals, finals) across all three divisions was established. The criteria are as follows:

- Score 85 percent or higher on the annual rules test (which will be managed through the NCAA's Center Mat website through ArbiterSports at <http://ncaawrestling.arbitersports.com>).
- Evaluations through NCAA evaluators program.
- Coaches rankings.
- Referee an NCAA qualifying tournament (conference tournament, NCAA regional).
- Referee a minimum of six NCAA dates during the current wrestling season.
- Attend an NCAA referee/rules clinic annually.
- Past performance at NCAA tournament.

Beginning with the 2013-14 wrestling season, all wrestling officials who wish to officiate NCAA wrestling matches during the regular season and NCAA postseason must be registered on ArbiterSports. The NCAA has created the Center Mat website that will be housed on the ArbiterSports platform and will serve as the official site for NCAA wrestling rules and officiating. The site will house the NCAA rules book, interpretations, points of emphasis, as well as videos, testing and periodic rules and mechanics updates. Clinic registration information, postseason assignments and the annual rules test will be administered through the site. There will be a cost of \$100 for registration; however we are confident that the content and service that will be provided to the referees will be well worth the investment. Each referee will receive a registration welcome packet that will include an NCAA rules book, and we are working with officials' equipment suppliers to provide product discounts as part of the registration. The Center Mat will go live on ArbiterSports September 1, 2013.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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cc: Dr. Pat McCormick
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NCAA Wrestling Committees