



## Welcome to *Center Mat*!

Welcome back to RQ+ and Center Mat. The central hub provides a national platform for NCAA Wrestling that allows us to share critical information regarding rule interpretations, points of emphasis, officiating mechanics, and how those “tough call” situations should be interpreted.

If you received this letter via email, you have successfully registered for the NCAA central hub. If you are viewing this letter on [refquest.com](https://refquest.com) and have not registered yet, please click Register in the top right corner. Click [here](#) for more information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program.

Please visit the central hub weekly throughout the 2025-2026 season to stay current on the latest NCAA men's wrestling officiating news from Secretary-Rules Editor, Jimmy Chung and National Officiating Coordinator, Mike McCormick.

Thank you for registering for the 2025-2026 season. Your dedication to excellence in officiating is critical to the growth and improvement of college wrestling. I look forward to seeing you all on the mats this season.

I wish all of you a healthy and successful season.

**Mike McCormick**

*National Coordinator of Wrestling Officials*

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered for NCAA postseason assignment, officials must complete the following criteria:

- Consent to a background check.
- Pass Rules Test (open book).
  - Score of 86% or better required to pass for regular season.
  - Score of 90% or better for NCAA Division I, II or III championships.
  - You will have 2 attempts to pass the test.
  - Test opens at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Monday, September 15.
  - Test closes at 5 p.m. Eastern time Saturday, October 18.
- View the Rules and Officiating video.
- View the ELIGIBILITY: 2025-26 Sport Radar Referee Education Video
- All required videos must be viewed by 5 p.m. Eastern time Saturday, October 18.
- Officiate a minimum of 10 dates in 2025-2026.



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Note: NCAA wrestling leadership and/or NCAA staff may add additional eligibility items.

## Welcome Packet

To reduce the cost of registration, an official may “opt out” of receiving a hard copy of the rules book. A digital version of the rules book will be available under “Publications” on Center Mat.

## General Liability, Professional Liability, and Accident/Medical Insurance

RQ+ has developed an insurance program for the benefit of officials in all sports at all collegiate levels. This insurance is intended to meet the known insurance requirements of certain governing bodies, conferences, and individual institutions.

The program provides the following limits of insurance for contests officiated from August 1, 2025 to August 1, 2026. All returning officials must register by July 31, 2025 or within two weeks of their sport's registration open date to keep continuous coverage.

- *General Liability: \$6,000,000 per occurrence (\$1,000,000 General Liability and \$5,000,000 Excess Liability per occurrence)*
  - Program has total insured limits of \$34,000,000.
  - Coverage intended to protect an official against claims of damages or injury caused to a third party while officiating a contest. Coverage includes personal/advertising injury, damage to a third party's premises, abuse, and molestation.
  - Coverage extends to international contests if suit is brought in the US.
- *Professional Liability: \$1,000,000*
  - Professional Liability claims are generally rooted in allegations of an act, error, or omission in executing an official's professional work that cause financial loss to a third party.

*There are options to extend the GL and PL coverage to non-intercollegiate contests, such as High School and other sanctioned events, as well as to increase the Accident Indemnity.*

- *Accident/Medical: \$15,000*
  - Pays for out-of-pocket expenses for injuries sustained by an official during an intercollegiate contest.



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- *Weekly Accident Indemnity (Game Fee Replacement)*
  - This insurance is intended to cover instances where an injury or other medical event sustained from a covered accident, renders you totally disabled and unable to work intercollegiate contests you had been assigned. The coverage can pay fees for missed intercollegiate contests up to the \$500 weekly limit for up to 52 weeks.

## **Registration Fees**

Division I: \$225

Division II: \$125

Division III: \$125

NJCAA: \$125

The registration fee for NCAA certified evaluators is \$100.