



Welcome to *Center Mat*!

Welcome to RefQuest Plus (RQ+) Center Mat, the NEW Central Hub providing a national platform that will allow us to share critical information regarding rule interpretations, points of emphasis, officiating mechanics, and how those “tough call” situations should be interpreted. Registration for “The Center Mat” opens July 11, 2022. Please go to refquest.com to register. Information on the NCAA's Officiating Background Check Program, which can be completed during registration, is available [here](#).

Please visit the central hub weekly throughout the 2022-23 season to stay current on the latest men's wrestling officiating news from Secretary-Rules Editor, Chuck Barbee and National Officiating Coordinator, Tim Shiels.

Your dedication to being the best officials is critical to the growth and improvement of college wrestling. I look forward to seeing you at the ICWOA/NWOA Officiating Clinic in Tulsa Oklahoma September 30 – October 1 and at tournaments and dual meets across the country this season.

I wish all of you a healthy and successful season,

Tim Shiels

Eligibility Requirements:

In order to officiate NCAA Division I, II, III Dual Meets, Tournaments, and NCAA Championships you 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
 - 2 attempts
 - Test closes 5 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, October 19
- **View the Rules and Officiating video**
 - Videos must be viewed by 5 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday, October 19
- **Officiate a minimum of 10 dates in 2022-23.**

Welcome packet:

New this year: 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 is available under “Rules Book” on the central hub.

For those officials receiving a hard copy of the rules book, your book is scheduled to ship early-September. Also new this year, we will utilize UPS for all shipments which will provide you the

opportunity to track your shipment. Tracking information will be emailed to you at the email address you provided during registration.

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General and Professional Liability Insurance:

For the first time, RQ+ will be including general and professional liability insurance as a part of the registration fee for each official who registers as an NCAA official on RQ+. Additional details on the insurance coverage will be available on refquest.com and the central hub.

Registration Fees:

The registration fees for 2022-23 for officials are as follows:

DI: \$175

DII: \$125*

DIII: \$125*

*The \$125 registration fee for DII and DIII officials will remain the same through 2026-27.

The registration fee for NCAA certified evaluators is \$85.