

2016 NJCAA Wrestling Championships



Iowa Western Community College
Mid-America Center
Council Bluffs, IA
www.njcaawrestlingcb.com

Championship Host

Iowa Western Community College
2700 College Rd.
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
<http://www.iwcc.edu/>

Championship Site

Mid-America Center
One Arena Way
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-323-0536
<https://www.caesars.com/mid-america-center>

Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau

400 Willow Ave. Ste. 2C
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
712-256-2577
<http://www.travelcouncilbluffs.com/>

Championship Dates

February 26 – 27, 2016

Championship Committee

Tournament Director	Brenda Hampton
• Administrative Assistant	Jill Feigenbutz
Assistant Tournament Director	Joe Stephens
Sports Information Director / Social Media	Jake Ryan
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Volunteer Chair	Joe Stephens
Flo-Arena Representative	Melissa Price
Flo-Wrestling Representative	Joe Williamson
NJCAA Wrestling Sports Committee Chair	Thom McDonald
Seeding / Bracketing Chair	Nate Skaar
Sponsorships & Advertising Chair	Brenda Hampton
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Tournament Contact Information

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Jake Ryan, Sports Information Director	402-850-8417 / jakeryan@897theriver.com

Website Information

NJCAA: www.njcaa.org

Official tournament website: www.njcaawrestlingcb.com

Mid-America Center: <https://www.caesars.com/mid-america-center>

Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau: <http://www.travelcouncilbluffs.com>

FloArena (Live Stats/Results): <http://www.flowrestling.org/arena/>

FloWrestling (Live Video): www.flowrestling.com

Qualification

The qualifying wrestlers will come from the following six districts:

<u>Director</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Region</u>
Gary Broadhurst	Eastern I	3, 10, 17, 21
Shawn Noel	Eastern II	15, 19
Gary Huber	Central	4, 12, 24
Thom McDonald	North Central	11, 13
Kurt McAfee	West Central	2, 6, 16, 22
Dan Johnson	Western	1, 9, 18

1. Entry to the NJCAA Championship Wrestling Tournament will be by certification of the District Tournament Director.
 - a. Certification forms must be submitted to the NJCAA Tournament Director by the District Director within 24 hours after the conclusion of the qualifiers.
 - b. Any or all substitutions must be submitted by the District Director to the NJCAA Tournament Director 72 hours prior to the check in deadline.
 - c. Each district shall qualify no greater than 70% of the total participants within that specific district. There can only be a maximum of nine wildcards within any district. All percentages shall be rounded down to the next lower number. (Ex: 39.9 wildcards = 39)
 - d. The host district for the NJCAA Tournament may add one additional wrestler for each weight class above the 70% rule.
 - e. In the event one of the district qualifiers cannot wrestle then the next place qualifier only in that weight class may be designated as an alternate. If the next place finisher is a wildcard, then the wildcard substitutes for the individual who cannot participate. The wildcard will then be the next best wrestler from the qualifying tournament, at the weight class in which the replacement is needed. If either the designated alternate or new wildcard cannot participate, the position will be left open. In no other circumstance then the one mentioned above can a wildcard, injured or no show, be replaced.
 - f. Wrestlers must enter the NJCAA Wrestling Tournament by participation in a single qualifying District Tournament. Each individual must enter at the same weight as he participated at in the qualifying tournament.
 - g. The methods by which each district determines how to seed and draw, in addition to awarding or not awarding points after a bye in the championship bracket only, shall be determined by the participating colleges in that district.

Seeding Meeting

The meeting will be broadcasted live on Feb. 16, 2016. Once all qualifiers are determined, a time will be scheduled and released with broadcast information.

Tournament Entry Information Required - All Information to be completed on-line at www.njcaawrestlingcb.com

College Information including three coaches, one athletic trainer, Athletic Director, President

Each college will pay \$15 per qualifying wrestler – due at check-in on Thursday

Attach head shot photos of three coaches, qualifying wrestlers, one athletic trainer (must be 300dpi)

*Tournament host will provide photo ID's to be used at the north entry pass gate and weigh-ins.

Attach college mascot logo (must be 300dpi)

DEADLINE for submitting all above information online is Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016.

- Certification Forms must be submitted by the District Director on-line within 24 hours after the conclusion of the qualifiers. Copies are required to be sent to Nate Skaar at skaarn@uiu.edu and Mark Krug at mkrug@njcaa.org.

- Any and all substitutions must be submitted by the District Director to the Tournament Director 72 hours prior to the check-in deadline (3 p.m., Monday, Feb. 22, 2016**).**

Team Check-in

Team Check-in and Entry Verification will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 25, 2016 at the North Entrance of the Mid-America Center. Wrestler Entry Fees are due at check-in; payable by check made out to Iowa Western Community College or by credit card. Team tournament passes and gifts will be given out at check-in. Failure to appear by the deadline may result in disqualification for the championship. (Phone call prior to 3 p.m. if on late flight/transportation)

Coaches Meeting

The official Tournament Coaches Meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016. All coaches are required to attend. The meeting will be held in the Club Room of the Mid-America Center Arena; enter through the north entry doors and take the elevator on the right up to the Club Level. Immediately, following the coaches meeting there will be a social for all coaches, officials and administrative tournament staff Held At and Sponsored By Uncle Buck's located inside the Bass Pro Shop, just across from the Mid-America Center.

Weigh-ins

Official scales will be available one hour prior to each official weigh-in at the north end of the arena. Photo ID's are required for weigh-ins, tournament host will provide photo ID's.

Locker Rooms

There will be locker rooms available on-site at the Mid-America Center, signs will designate available locker rooms to qualifying wrestlers, please note do not leave valuables in the locker room as they will not be secured.

Training Room

A certified athletic trainer will be available at all times. An athletic training area will be available for use in the main arena. The head athletic trainer is Mike Pribyl, ATC. If you have any special treatment needs, you can contact Mike at 712-325-3735 or mpribyl@iwcc.edu. All teams will need to provide their own tape and First-Aid supplies.

Dress Decorum

During the games, coaches will wear business casual attire and all other representatives of the college will wear logo shirts and casual pants or college logo sweat suits.

Hospitality Room

There will be a Hospitality Room available for tournament coaches, officials, staff, volunteers and scouts. The hospitality room is located on the Club Level of the Mid-America Center. The hospitality room will be open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday. No food or drink is allowed to be removed from the hospitality room. Tournament Credentials are **required** for entry into the hospitality room. No food or beverages may leave the hospitality room per Mid-America Center policy.

Media and Sports Information

A media area and press room will be provided for newspaper, radio, and television at the Mid-America Center. The designated media area is located on the north side of the mats and the press room is located on the club level. All media personnel are asked to pre-register on-line and will be required to bring their press credentials with them. All registered media will have access to the tournament hospitality room located on the Club Level of the Mid-America Center. All media personnel will enter through the north entrance of the Mid-America Center. A maximum of two school related media is allowed to register per team, no limit on non-school official credentialed media.

Substance Abuse

The use of all tobacco products by any coach, player, official or other individual involved in the conducting of any NJCAA sponsored regular season or postseason play is prohibited within the confines of the playing area. Any individual not in compliance shall be disqualified from further participation in that tournament. The National Tournament will be in compliance to Article XVIII, Section B in the Sportsmanship Procedures.

Open Wound Policy

Under circumstances when constant or profuse bleeding occurs, the participant shall be immediately removed from that contest by the official and cannot return until the bleeding has been stopped.

- a. Health care attendants, known to be infected with the HIV virus, cannot administer to bleeding athletes.
- b. Anytime an athlete bleeds during a bout, the official shall stop the action and the bleeding shall be stopped.
- c. If the bleeding cannot be stopped to the satisfaction of the mat official, the athlete cannot continue to compete.
- d. Time outs for bleeding shall not be included in injury time.
- e. Home match administration shall be responsible to notify all officials of his responsibilities in enforcing the policy.
- f. Home match administration is responsible for clean-up of mats and proper disposal of contaminated materials.

Admission

Per the NJCAA Wrestling By-Laws, each participating college will receive tournament passes for each qualifying wrestler, three coaches, one trainer, the college Athletic Director and college President; please list on the Official Entry Form you submit on-line if they will be in attendance. Tournament passes will be issued upon team arrival Thursday. Full tournament fee will be required for all others. All wrestlers and coaches must enter at the **north pass gate** entrance and present their passes upon entry. Buses / vans should drop off wrestlers and park in the north parking lot. Parking is free.

Adult Tournament Pass	\$45.00 for two days / four sessions
Adult Session Pass	\$18.00 per session / four sessions
Student Tournament Pass	\$30.00 for two days / four sessions
Student Session Pass	\$10.00 per session / four sessions
Free for Children 3 and under	

Championship Programs

Each coach and qualifying wrestler will receive one complimentary program. Programs will be for sale for \$10.00 each and will include official starting brackets.

Merchandise

Tournament apparel will be available for purchase during the tournament

Action Photography

Action photography will be taken throughout the tournament and photos will be available for purchase during and after the tournament from Tucker Photo.

Refer to tournament website (www.njcaawrestlingcb.com) for:

Transportation Information

Restaurants

Local Attractions

Maps

Tournament Rules and Procedures

- a. The NJCAA mandates that all participating colleges adhere and follow the NCAA Weight Management regulations (NCAA Guidelines – Rule 3).
- b. Conduct all matches according to the rules in the NCAA Wrestling Rulebook. An exception shall be that the tournament shall include a consolation bracket that shall determine a true third place finisher. This bracket shall include all wrestlers defeated in the first and second round as well as losers to semi-finalists.
- c. Official scales shall be available for at least one hour prior to each official weigh-in. Photo I.D.'s are required for weigh-ins, Tournament Host will provide a photo ID.
- d. Official clock, scoreboard and collegiate mats are to be provided by the National Tournament Host. In addition, an official riding clock is to be provided for each mat. In accordance with NCAA guidelines, mats shall have a wrestling area between 32 and 42 feet in diameter.
- e. Using the seeding principles outlined in Rule 4 of the NCAA Guide, a predetermined draw shall be made by the National Tournament Director using a computer program approved by the NJCAA Wrestling Committee. In any bracket with a pigtail, all wrestlers shall have the opportunity to draw for the bye. After drawing for the bye, be sure the District Champions are separated. Then separate returning All-Americans (dating back two years) from each other as far as possible, in half or quarter brackets.
 1. Separate place winners and Region Champions.
 2. Separate more than two place winners from any ½ bracket.
 3. Separate more than two place winners in any ¼ bracket.

f. Tournament Schedule:

Wednesday

Scales and work out site available as determined by the Tournament Director.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m. 1.5 mats will be available

6 p.m. – 10 p.m. 5 mats will be available

Thursday

6 a.m. – 10 p.m. 5 mats will be available

10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Official scale & workout site available

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Team check-in and entry verification. Failure to appear by the deadline may result in disqualification for the championship (Phone call prior to 3 p.m. if on late flight/transportation)

Noon - 10 p.m. Official scale open and workout site available

5 p.m. Tournament procedures meeting to be followed by NJCAA

Coaches Meeting

9 p.m. Coaches/Officials Social

Friday

6 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. Official scale and workout site available

7:15 a.m. Skin checks

7:30 a.m. Official weigh-in

9:30 a.m. Preliminaries First Round

Noon* Preliminaries Second Round

TBA First Round Consolations

Second Round Consolations

6:15 p.m. Championship Quarter-finals

Third Round Consolations

8:30 p.m.* Fourth Round Consolations

11 p.m. Workout facilities will close

Saturday

8 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. Scales and workout site available

9:30 a.m. Official weigh-in

10:30 a.m. Championship Semi-finals

Consolation Quarter-finals

12:00 p.m.* Consolation Semi-finals

1:15 p.m. Consolation Finals 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th

6:30 p.m. Parade of All-Americans

Wrestling Coaches Association Awards Presentation

7 p.m. Championship Finals

NJCAA Championship Awards Presentation

*These times are approximate

- g. It is recommended that on the second day the third round of consolation matches be held on six mats. Championship semi-finals shall begin on two mats. Consolation quarterfinals shall begin on four mats. The consolation semi-finals shall begin, and will be followed by the consolation finals for 7th and 8th, 5th and 6th, 3rd and 4th on four mats. Effective 2016, an increase from 6 to 8 mats at the NJCAA Wrestling Championships will be mandated. All mats used in competition must meet NCAA regulations (32" minimum).

NOTE: The Tournament Director shall have the authority to close or open mats to allow for the 45-minute rest rule.

- h. Opening ceremonies for championships shall be at 6:30 p.m. on the second day.
- i. The championship round shall be held on a single mat. This round will begin no later than 7 p.m. An appropriate award ceremony will occur during the championship round.
- j. Each coach shall be responsible for his team's total points and shall certify this by signing a score card for his team at the conclusion of the tournament. If he fails to sign the score card, the score stands as recorded by the official scorer.
- k. If a qualifier fails to attend the National Tournament and has been drawn into the pigtail round, his opponent shall receive a bye and advance into the round of 16. If a qualifier fails to attend the tournament and has been drawn into the round of 16, a bracket adjustment shall be made by moving a wrestler from the pigtail round into the vacated position. This adjustment shall be done according to the procedure set forth in Section 6.E. If, after the weigh-in for the second day of competition, a qualifier fails to make weight or for any reason does not participate in his scheduled match, it shall be considered a forfeit and one point shall be awarded his opponent.
- l. Protest Procedures:
 - 1. Coach should notify the head mat official of his protest immediately:
 - a. Wrestlers and coaches should remain in the mat area, the mat must be closed until the protest is resolved.
 - b. Protest must be submitted within ten minutes of the conclusion of the match.
 - c. Notify head scorer-no match that may be affected by the results of the protest should be wrestled.
 - d. Notify tournament protest committee.
 - e. Notify coaches and contestants that the bout has not been concluded.
- m. A games committee to handle protests and violations of the NJCAA Code of Conduct and Misconduct Policy (competition rules) shall be composed of a minimum of three of the following, as selected by the official NJCAA Representatives. Any individual participant or coach requesting a protest must pay \$100 in advance, the \$100 is nonrefundable.
 - a. Head mat official or his alternate.
 - b. An officer of the Wrestling Coaches Association not involved in the protest.
 - c. NJCAA Representative.

Championship Awards

The awards presentation will follow the final individual championship match.

- a. NJCAA Championship Team Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd Place Teams.
- b. A Team Award will also be given to the non-scholarship team with the highest point total. NOTE: In the event that a non-scholarship team has the highest or second highest overall point total, that team would receive both the 1st or 2nd Place Trophy as well as the non-scholarship award.
- c. NJCAA All-American Medals will be awarded as shown below:
 - a. Gold medals awarded to 1st place finishers in each weight class.
 - b. Silver medals awarded to 2nd place finishers in each weight class.
 - c. Bronze medals awarded to 3rd, 4th, 5th place finishers in each weight class.
- d. The Ernest B. Gould Award will be presented to the outstanding wrestler.
- e. Coach of the Year Award (scholarship) – voted on by the coaches.
- f. Coach of the Year Award (non-scholarship) – voted on by the coaches.
- g. Participation Awards will be given to the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Place Teams.
- h. Bronze Medals will be given to the 6th, 7th, 8th place finishers in each weight class.
- i. The Joseph A. Rockenback Sportsmanship Award will be presented.
- j. The Bruce Traphagen Award for most falls in the least aggregate time will be awarded.
- k. The Wrestling Man of the Year Award will be presented.
- l. The Wrestling Academic Team of the Year will be presented.
- m. Certificates will be awarded to the 1st – 8th place finishers (NWCA)

Lodging Assignments

Per NJCAA By-Laws, all participating colleges must honor tournament assigned hotels.

All of the lodging has similar accommodations. Coaches or representatives of each institution should contact the hotel to make reservations, please be sure you tell them you are one of the teams with qualifying wrestlers. Please choose your hotel from these assigned hotels.

2016 LODGING ASSIGNMENTS

Rate: \$99.00

Country Inn & Suites
17 Arena Way
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-322-8282

Rate: \$124.00

Holiday Inn & Suites at Ameristar
2200 River Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-322-5050

Rate: \$109.00

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
2211 S. 32nd St.
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-352-1300

Rate: \$129.00

Hilton Garden Inn
2702 Mid America Drive
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-309-9000

Rate: \$124.00

Hampton Inn & Suites at Ameristar
2204 River Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-328-2500

Rate: \$129.00

Spring Hill Suites
3216 Plaza View Drive
Council Bluffs, IA 51501
712-256-6500

Rate: \$95 – Microtel - 2141 S 35th Street - Council Bluffs, IA 51501 - 712-256-2900

NJCAA SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY (Article XVIII – 2015-16)

A basic principle of NJCAA athletic competition is to develop and foster respect for fellow participants, coaches, officials and spectators. The following handbook section applies to all athletic events involving NJCAA member institutions, conferences and regions. Sport rule books may apply rules and regulations that are more restrictive than those found in this section.

- A. Participants will recognize their responsibility for proper conduct before, during and after every contest.
- B. Coaches and Athletic Directors will recognize and assume responsibility for the behavior of themselves, players, staff, game management personnel and representatives of the respective NJCAA member institution.

Section 1. Ejections: (The Ejection Form can be found in the "Forms" section of the Handbook & Casebook.)

- A. Ejection for violent behavior:
 1. Violent behavior is defined as:
 - a. An act in which physical contact or an attempt to make physical contact occurs with the purpose to do damage, harm, intimidate, incite a fight or otherwise injure a player, coach, referee, spectator, game management personnel or damage property.
 - b. Engaging in hostile or abusive language or harassment that refers to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and national origin and/or other threatening language.
 - c. An act in which any bench personnel other than the head coach (or in the absence of the head coach the acting head coach) leave the bench area or designated warm-up area when a fight may break out or has broken out.
 2. The following penalties will be assessed if a game official ejects a player, coach, team personnel, staff member, or game management personnel for violent unsportsmanlike behavior:
 - a. Immediate ejection and removal from the venue.
 - b. Mandatory ejection and removal from the venue for any bench personnel other than the head coach who leaves the bench or designated warm up area when a fight may break out or has broken out.
 - c. A two contest suspension to be served during the next two regularly scheduled or postseason contests. Suspension of a coach or player at the end of a season of play shall carry over to the following season.
 - d. Should the player, coach or team personnel be ejected for violent behavior a second time during the season, that individual shall be prohibited from participating in athletic contests of that institution for the remainder of the academic year, including postseason play.
 - e. Penalties shall be imposed automatically by the offending institution with suspensions to be in effect for the next two regularly scheduled contests as appearing on the published schedule of the institution at the time of the ejection.
 - f. The referee may end the contest.
 - g. Failure to report and/or comply will result in:
 1. For the first occurrence, the penalties will double, with the head coach serving the double portion of the penalty and a letter of reprimand shall be sent to the Director of Athletics and the President of the institution.
 2. For the second occurrence, the penalties will double and a sanction of probation shall be given to the offending institution for that sport in that year.
 3. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with Article XVIII, Section 2.A. must be forfeited.
- B. Ejection for non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior:
 1. Non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior is defined as profanity, vulgar gestures, trash talking, taunting or abusive language directed at players, coaches, referees, game management personnel and/or spectators. The use of tobacco or alcohol during NJCAA sponsored events is prohibited within this rule.
 2. The following penalties will be assessed if a game official ejects a player, coach, team personnel, staff member, or game management personnel for non-violent unsportsmanlike behavior:
 - a. Immediate ejection and removal from the venue.
 - b. For the first non-violent ejection of the sport season, a one contest suspension to be served during the next regularly scheduled or postseason contest(s). Suspension of a coach or player at the end of the season of play shall carry over to the following season. For the second non-violent ejection of the sport season, a two game suspension shall be served. For the third non-violent ejection of the sport season, a four game suspension shall be served. Each subsequent ejection will result in a doubling of the suspension previously served.
 - c. Penalties shall be imposed automatically by the offending institution with suspensions to be in effect for the next regularly scheduled contest as appearing on the published schedule of the institution at the time of the ejection.
 - d. Failure to report and/or comply will result in:
 1. For the first occurrence, the penalties will double, with the head coach serving the double portion of the penalty and a letter of reprimand shall be sent to the Director of Athletics and the President of the institution.
 2. For the second occurrence penalties will double and a sanction of probation shall be given to the offending institution for that sport in that year.
 3. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with Article XVIII, Section 2.A. must be forfeited.

- C. Entering spectator area is prohibited: No player, coach or bench personnel may leave the playing area and enter into the spectator area of the facility to engage in any type of verbal or physical conflict. Penalty for violation of this rule shall be immediate ejection from the contest and suspension from all intercollegiate athletic contests of that institution for the remainder of the academic year including playoffs.
- D. Ejection of the coach: the game shall be terminated and a forfeit declared if the head coach is ejected and there is no assistant coach or other college staff contractually bound to the institution willing to assume responsibility for the team.
- E. Reporting structure
 - 1. The Athletic Directors of the member institutions involved in the contest shall notify, in writing, their respective Region Director (or designee) following the ejection(s) by noon local time of the first business day following the event. (Note: Reporting procedures must be followed for all regular and postseason competition).
 - 2. Ejection Reports – Ejection reports of violent ejections will include a written notification to the President with a copy sent to the Athletic Director of the offending college. This notification will be sent by the Regional Director or his/her designee in the region where the college of the offending player or coach resides.
 - 3. The Regional Director or his/her designee shall keep a record of all ejections in their respective region. The record shall include the name and institution of the person ejected, the date of the ejection, the reason for the ejection, and the penalty imposed.
 - 4. The Regional Director or his/her designee shall supply an end of the year report of the ejections occurring in the Region. The report shall include the number of ejections and the penalties assessed by sport. Copies of the end of the year report shall be given to the Region, the Sport Committee, and the Standards and Ethics Committee by June 15 of that academic year.
- F. Appeals
 - 1. Participants in all NJCAA certified sports are subject to the penalties listed for the ejections.
 - 2. There is no appeal of a game(s) suspension resulting from an ejection by a game official except:
 - a. When there is the college's irrefutable game video evidence that the wrong student-athlete(s)/coach(s) was ejected. If the wrong student-athlete/coach was ejected, the penalty will be assessed to the student-athlete(s)/coach(s) in violation and he/she will serve the complete suspension.
 - b. All game suspensions will be in effect during the appeals process.
 - c. Only the institution of the student-athlete(s)/coach(s) that was ejected can appeal.
 - d. The NJCAA National Office will rule on all appeals.

NOTE: The level of the ejection cannot be appealed (violent vs. non-violent).

Section 2. Game Officials and Game Management Personnel

- A. An act in which verbal abuse, physical contact or an attempt to make physical contact occurs with the purpose to do damage, harm, intimidate, incite a fight or otherwise injure a game official will lead to a suspension of a minimum of two games and a maximum of one year.

Section 3. Suspensions:

- A. Personnel and athletes suspended under these NJCAA rules shall not be allowed in the facility/gym/field/complex before or during the contest and may not coach or participate before the game, during play, or at half-time. Suspended coaches may travel with the team. Suspended athletes may not travel with the team while serving a suspension.

ARTICLE XX

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL NATIONAL EVENTS, CONTESTS AND TOURNAMENTS SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This code of conduct applies to all region, district and national events, contests and tournaments sponsored by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Violations of the code of conduct occurring during the regularly scheduled season events shall be referred to the respective conference or region Standards and Ethics Committee. The jurisdiction of the NJCAA Code of Conduct ends when colleges competing in such tournaments arrive back on their respective campuses.

Code of Conduct

- A. Participants shall recognize the responsibility for proper conduct at any national tournament, event or contest sponsored by the NJCAA or its member colleges.
- B. Coaches shall recognize and assume responsibility for the actions of themselves and the team members. Each coach who has participants competing in the event shall be responsible for informing each participant about the Code of Conduct.

Behavior

Coaches, players, and institutional personnel must remember that they are representatives of an institution of higher learning, its faculty, administration, and student body. As such they are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which would reflect credit on their team, institution, region and the NJCAA. Student-athletes, coaches and institutional personnel who are participating in NJCAA events are subject to all NJCAA rules, regulations and penalties as stated in the NJCAA Handbook as well as local, state and federal laws.

Inappropriate and unacceptable behavior by coaches, players or institutional personnel will not be tolerated before, during, or after contests; at the hotel or in public while representing their college. This Code of Conduct does not replace Article XVIII of the NJCAA Handbook. Unacceptable forms of behavior include but are not limited to:

1. fighting
2. taunting
3. inappropriate celebration
4. disrespectful attitude toward opponents, officials, tournament administrators
5. use of profane and vulgar language
6. use of tobacco, drugs and/or alcohol
7. disrespectful attitude toward host hotel personnel
8. unlawful activities

Derogatory Comments

Coaches, athletes or institutional personnel shall not make derogatory public comments regarding administration of a tournament or officiating of contests during post game interviews or at other times; to print or broadcast media, in news releases or institutionally produced news releases or under any conditions when their comments may become public. The head coach shall be fully responsible for assuring that no public comments are made by the coaching staff, student-athletes or institutional personnel about officiating, fighting or other incidents which occur during contests.

A coach shall not address or permit anyone in the team area to address uncomplimentary remarks to any game official during the progress of a contest or engage in conduct which might incite student-athletes or spectators against officials.

Reporting

Violations of the Code of Conduct may be reported to the Executive Director of the NJCAA or his/her designee.

Procedures and Penalties

Immediate Action

Where immediate action is needed to alleviate or control a situation, the Executive Director or his/her designee shall have the authority to act at his/her sole discretion. Examples of events which would require immediate action include but are not limited to the following:

- Allegation of serious misconduct requiring immediate suspension of institutional personnel or student-athletes from competition.
- Instances where the Executive Director or his/her designee deems it necessary to protect the equity and integrity of the competition.
- Protection of the event's officiating program, particularly in an instance where public comments by an institutional representative may affect competition.
- Any instance or circumstance which might affect the safety of officials, participants or spectators attending the event.

Penalties-Immediate Action

The Executive Director or his/her designee may issue any penalty that he/she believes appropriate to any student-athlete or institutional personnel who has violated the regulations pertaining to conduct when the Executive Director or his/her designee concludes that immediate action is required. The actions of the Executive Director or his/her designee shall be final and binding but shall be reported to the Standards and Ethics Committee within one week.

Timely Action

In cases where immediate action is not required but where sanctions are warranted, the Executive Director or his/her designee may issue the following penalties:

Reprimand: The Executive Director or NJCAA Standards and Ethics Committee may issue a letter of reprimand to the coach, player or institutional personnel who violates the regulations pertaining to conduct. Copies of the letter of reprimand will be sent to the Director of Athletics and the President of the institution.

Probation, suspension and other penalties: If the misconduct is serious enough, the Executive Director or his/her designee may issue other penalties which may include but are not limited to probation, suspension or disqualification of the coach, player or institutional personnel from participating in one or more contests.