



*March 6-7, 2020*

*MID-AMERICA CENTER  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA  
[www.njcaawrestlingcb.com](http://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**

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712-256-2577  
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## CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

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## WEBSITE INFORMATION

NJCAA:	<a href="http://www.njcaa.org">www.njcaa.org</a>
Tournament website	<a href="http://www.njcaawrestlingcb.com">www.njcaawrestlingcb.com</a>
Mid-America Center	<a href="http://www.caesars.com/mid-america-center">www.caesars.com/mid-america-center</a>
Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau	<a href="http://www.unleachcb.com">www.unleachcb.com</a>
FloArena (Live Stats/Results)	<a href="http://www.flowrestling.org/arena/">www.flowrestling.org/arena/</a>
FloWrestling (Live Video)	<a href="http://www.flowrestling.com">www.flowrestling.com</a>

## QUALIFICATION

The qualifying wrestlers will come from the following eight districts:

<u>Director</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Region</u>
Gary Broadhurst	Northeast	3, 15, 21
Shawn Noel	Gulf Atlantic	8, 10, 17, 19, 20, 22
Thom McDonald	North Central	11
Gary Huber	Great Lakes	4, 7, 12, 24
Mike Sadler	South Central	2, 6, 14, 16, 23
Dan Johnson	Plains	5, 9
Buster Gilliss	North Plains	13
Rob Nielson	West	1, 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, the next alternate as determined by the district involved, may be designated as the substitute at the weight class in which the replacement is needed. In no other circumstance can a district qualifier and/or wildcard selection 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 take place on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** at noon, via conference call with the district representatives. Once all qualifiers are determined and seeded, brackets will be released

## TOURNAMENT ENTRY INFORMATION REQUIRED

All Information to be completed on-line at: [www.njcaawrestlingcb.com](http://www.njcaawrestlingcb.com)

1. College Information including: TRAVEL PARTY ONLY: Three coaches, One Athletic Trainer, Director of Athletics, and President
  - a. Each college will pay **\$25** per qualifying wrestler (**due at check-in on Thursday**)
  - b. Attach head shot photos of coaches, qualifying wrestlers, athletic trainer (must be 300dpi)
  - c. Head shot MUST be saved in following format:
    1. **SCHOOL.LAST NAME.FIRST NAME.WEIGHT/POSITION EXAMPLE: IW.Capo.Jeremy.AD**
2. Tournament host will provide photo ID's to be used at the north entry pass gate and weigh-ins.
  - a. Attach college mascot logo (must be 300dpi)
3. DEADLINE for submitting all above information online is **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:00pm**
4. Certification Forms must be submitted by the District Director on-line within 24 hours after the conclusion of the qualifiers.
  - a. Copies are required to be sent to
    - i. Nate Skaar at [skaar@uiu.edu](mailto:skaar@uiu.edu) AND Rod Lovett at [rlovett@njcaa.org](mailto:rlovett@njcaa.org)
  - b. Any and all substitutions must be submitted by the District Director to the Tournament Director **Monday, February 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.**

## **TEAM CHECK-IN**

Team Check-in and Entry Verification will be from **10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020** 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 lateflight/transportation)

## **COACHES MEETING**

The official Tournament Coaches Meeting will be held at **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2020**. 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.

## **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 credentials with a photo ID.

## **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 athletic trainer is Andrew Mohr, ATC. If you have any special treatment needs, you can contact Andrew at 712-256-6556 or amohr@iwcc.edu. All teams will need to provide their own tape and First-Aid supplies.

## **DRESS DECORUM**

During the tournament and matches, 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, staff, volunteers and scouts. The hospitality room is located on the Club Level of the Mid-America Center. The hospitality room will be open for lunch and dinner each day from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday and 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm on Saturday.

**Tournament Credentials are required for entry into the hospitality room** and a check-in sheet will be used to minimize abuse. 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 club level.

All media personnel are asked to pre-register on-line and will be required to bring their press credentials with them. All media personnel will enter through the north entrance of the Mid-America Center.

All registered media will have access to the tournament hospitality room located on the Club Level 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. Health care attendants, known to be infected with the HIV virus, cannot administer to bleeding athletes.

Anytime an athlete bleeds during a bout, the official shall stop the action and the bleeding shall be stopped. If the bleeding cannot be stopped to the satisfaction of the mat official, the athlete cannot continue to compete.

Time outs for bleeding shall not be included in injury time. Home match administration shall be responsible to notify all officials of his responsibilities in enforcing the policy. 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 (3) coaches, one (1) 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 .....	\$60.00 for two days / four sessions
Adult Session Pass .....	\$20.00 per session / four sessions
Student Tournament Pass .....	\$40.00 for two days / four sessions
Student Session Pass .....	\$15.00 per session / four sessions
Children 3 and under .....	FREE

## **CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMS**

Programs will be for sale for \$5.00 each and will include official starting brackets. The Head Coach of each qualifying team will receive two complimentary programs.

## **MERCHANDISE**

Teams can preorder items at discounted prices through TEAM IP. Please see flyer on page 13.

## **TRANSPORTATION | RESTAURANTS | LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

Refer to tournament website

## TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. The NJCAA mandates that all participating colleges adhere and follow the NCAA Weight Management regulations (NCAAGuidelines – Rule 3).
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
  - a) Separate place winners and Region Champions.
  - b) Separate more than two place winners from any ½ bracket.
  - c) Separate more than two place winners in any ¼ bracket.

### 6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

#### **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

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, March 5, 2020**

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.*  
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, March 6, 2020**

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 begins  
*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*  
10:00 p.m. Workout facilities will close

#### **Saturday, March 7, 2020**

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

^ *Failure to appear by the deadline may result in disqualification for the championship*

\**These are approximate times*

7. 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.

8. Opening ceremonies for championships shall be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Protest Procedures:
  - a. Coach should notify the head mat official of his protest immediately:
  - b. Wrestlers and coaches should remain in the mat area, the mat must be closed until the protest is resolved.
  - c. Protest must be submitted within ten minutes of the conclusion of the match.
  - d. Notify head scorer-no match that may be affected by the results of the protest should be wrestled.
  - e. Notify tournament protest committee.
  - f. Notify coaches and contestants that the bout has not been concluded.
  - g. Each team will be allowed one (1) video challenge per three (3) qualifiers on day one and one (1) video per remaining three (3) qualifiers on day two.
  - h. If a video challenge is unavailable the coach should notify the head official.
13. 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.

1. NJCAA Championship Team Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd Place Teams.
2. A Team Award will also be given to the non-scholarship team with the highest point total.
  - a. **NOTE:** In the event that a non-scholarship team has the highest or second highest overall point total, that team would receive both 1st and 2nd Place Trophy as well as the non-scholarship award.
3. 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, and 5th place finishers in each weight class
4. The Ernest B. Gould Award will be presented to the outstanding wrestler.
5. Coach of the Year Award (scholarship) – voted on by the coaches.
6. Coach of the Year Award (non-scholarship) – voted on by the coaches.
7. Participation Awards will be given to the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Place Teams.
8. Bronze Medals will be given to the 6th, 7th, 8th place finishers in each weight class.
9. The Joseph A. Rockenback Sportsmanship Award will be presented.
10. The Bruce Traphagen Award for most falls in the least aggregate time will be awarded.
11. The Wrestling Man of the Year Award will be presented.
12. The Wrestling Academic Team of the Year will be presented.
13. 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.

For **team reservations**, please call *Alicia at the Council Bluffs Convention & Visitors Bureau 844-271-6909x1 C: 402-214-3405 [afrieze@unleashcb.com](mailto:afrieze@unleashcb.com)*. If calling the hotel directly ask for NJCAA Wrestling group rate.

THANK YOU FOR USING OUR HOST HOTELS. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM AS THEY MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

## 2020 LODGING ASSIGNMENTS

*\*Rates are listed per night*

### **Country Inn & Suites - \$119**

17 Arena Way  
712-322-8282

### **Holiday Inn & Suites - \$119**

2202 River Rd.  
712-329-5050

### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites - \$122**

2211 S. 32nd Street  
712-352-1300

### **Hilton Garden Inn - \$129**

2702 Mid America Drive  
712-309-9000

### **Hampton Inn & Suites - \$129**

2204 River Road  
712-328-2500

### **SpringHill Suites - \$114**

3216 Plaza View Drive  
712-256-6732

### **Microtel Inn & Suites - \$104**

2141 S. 35th Street  
712-256-2900

### **Courtyard by Marriott - \$133**

2501 Bass Pro Dr.  
712-318-3330

**Rate: \$104.99 USD per night**

### **My Place - \$99**

2281 S. 35<sup>th</sup> St.  
712-256-6500



## ARTICLE XVII SPORTSMANSHIP

**Section 1 - General Sportsmanship Expectations:** A basic principle of NJCAA athletic competition is to develop and foster respect for fellow participants, coaches, officials and spectators. Article XVIII applies to all athletic events involving NJCAA member institutions, conferences and / or regions. Sport rulebooks 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 2 - Ejections

#### A. Violent

##### A.1. Violent behavior is defined as:

- A.1.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 or game management personnel or damage property.
- A.1.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.
- A.1.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.

A.2. Penalties - 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.2.a. Immediate ejection and removal from the venue.
- A.2.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.
- A.2.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.
- A.2.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.
- A.2.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.
- A.2.f. The referee may end the contest.

A.3. Failure to report and or comply - Failure to report and/or comply will result in:

- A.3.a. For the first occurrence, the penalties will double for the offending participant, with the head coach also serving the doubled portion of the penalty and a letter of reprimand shall be sent to the Director of Athletics and the President of the institution.
- A.3.b. 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.
- A.3.c. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with Article XVIII, Section 3.A. must be forfeited

#### B. Non-Violent

- B.1. Definition - 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.
- B.2. Penalties - 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:
  - B.2.a. Immediate ejection and removal from the venue.

- B.2.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. 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.
- B.2.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.
- B.3. Failure to report and / or comply - Failure to report and/or comply will result in:
  - B.3.a. For the first occurrence, the penalties will double for the offending participant, with the head coach also 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.
  - B.3.b. 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.
  - B.3.c. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with Article XVIII, Section 3.A. must be forfeited.

C. Ejection of the Head 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.

### **Section 3 - Non-Collegial Incident**

- A. Definition - Any act or incident not in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 1 and or any sportsmanship situation not appropriately ruled on by the game officials in charge of the contest in accordance with NJCAA bylaws. Examples: multiple ejections, bench clearing altercations, postgame altercations, game official(s) in charge of the contest does not allow the contest to be completed in its entirety.
- B. Penalties – Will be administered by the NJCAA National Office on a case by case basis in support of Article XVIII Section 1.
- C. Failure to report and or comply - Failure to report and/or comply will result in:
  - C.1. For the first occurrence, the penalties will double for the offending participant, with the head coach also 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.
  - C.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.
  - C.3. Games played during the time of failure to report and/or failure to comply with Article XVIII, Section 3.A. must be forfeited.

**Section 4 – Entering Spectator Area:** 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.

### **Section 5– Reporting**

- A. Single Person Ejections – In the case where a single incident resulted in a single individual being ejected, the report must be communicated to the Regional Director by noon the next business day.
  - A.1. The Athletic Directors of the member institutions involved in the contest shall notify, in writing, their respective Regional 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).
  - A.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.

- B. Multiple Person Ejections and Non-Collegial Incidents - In the case of an incident where two (2) or more individuals are ejected, in a single incident, or in the case of a Non-Collegial Incident, the report must be communicated to the NJCAA National Office by noon the next business day.
  - B.1. Game officials do not have to eject players, personnel or a coach to require this report.
  - B.2. The Athletic Directors of the member institutions involved in the contest shall notify, in writing, the NJCAA Executive Director following any incident which involves two or more individuals by noon local time of the first business day following the incident. (Note: Reporting procedures must be followed for all regular and postseason competition).
  - B.3. A copy of the report should be sent to the respective Regional Director in addition the NJCAA Executive Director.
  - B.4. Details of Report – Multiple Person and Non-Collegial Incident Reports must include a detailed accounting of the following:
    - B.4.a. Date and location of incident
    - B.4.b. Names of individuals involved in the incident
    - B.4.c. Names of schools involved in the incident
    - B.4.d. Specific details of the incident
    - B.4.e. Were there any ejections as a result of the incident? If so, provide details.
    - B.4.f. Is there a video of the incident? If there is a video it should be provided with the report.
- C. Regional Director Reporting Structure for Ejections:
  - C.1. The Regional Director or his/her designee shall keep a record of all ejections in their respective region. The record shall include the name of the person ejected and institution, the date of the ejection, the reason for the ejection and the penalty imposed.
  - C.2. 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.

#### **Section 6 - Jurisdiction**

- A. Single person ejections - Region Level
- B. Multiple person ejections and Non-collegial incidents - NJCAA National Office

#### **Section 7 – Appeals**

- A. Participants in all NJCAA certified sports are subject to the penalties listed for the ejections.
- B. There is no appeal of a game(s) suspension resulting from an ejection by a game official except:
  - B.1. 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(s)/coach(s) 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.2. All game suspensions will be in effect during the appeals process.
  - B.3. Only the institution of the student-athlete(s)/coach(s) that was ejected can appeal.
  - B.4. The NJCAA National Office will rule on all appeals.
  - B.5. The level of the ejection cannot be appealed (violent vs. non-violent).
- C. There is no appeal of a ruling made by the NJCAA National Office in the case of a non-collegial incident. The NJCAA has a zero tolerance philosophy when it comes to sportsmanship that is found to be less than the expected standard, and the negative image unsportsmanlike conduct brings to our member colleges and association, when it is exhibited by our student-athletes, coaches and / or personnel.

**Section 8 - Game Officials and Game Management Personnel:** 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 and / or game management personnel will lead to a suspension for a minimum of two games and a maximum of one year.

**Section 9 – Suspensions:** 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 individuals must remain out of sight and sound of and from the venue while serving a suspension.

- A. Suspended coaches may travel with the team.
- B. 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, and 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 (1) 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 NJCAA Executive Director or NJCAA Standards and Ethics Committee may issue a letter of reprimand to the coach, player or institutional personnel who violate 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.