

2008-2009 NAIA Wrestling National Qualification Standards

Automatic Qualifying- Individual wrestlers can qualify for the NAIA Wrestling National Championships in one of the *two* following manners:

1. Qualifying standards through postseason national qualifying tournaments postseason qualifying tournament team assignments are listed below:

The top four wrestlers per weight class in each of the four postseason qualifying tournaments shall qualify for the national championship. All postseason qualifying tournaments will wrestle through 5th place in the bracket and the 4th place position will be contested if the 4th and 5th- place wrestlers have not wrestled.

NOTE: Athletes cannot compete in a lower weight class at the national championships than they competed in at the postseason national qualifying tournament.

2. Qualifying through an intercollegiate tournament during the season (excluding take-down tournaments):

-In intercollegiate tournaments with 8-12 wrestlers in weight class, the wrestler must place in top 2

-In intercollegiate tournaments with 13-16 wrestlers in weight class, the wrestler must place in top 4

-In intercollegiate tournaments with 17-24 wrestlers in weight class, the wrestler must place in the top 6

-In intercollegiate tournaments with over 25 wrestlers in weight class, the wrestler must place in the top 8

In order to compete at the national championships, wrestlers **MUST** participate in their respective postseason national qualifying tournament. Any wrestler who cannot compete in the postseason qualifying tournament **MUST** submit an official medical waiver form (signed by a physician) to document a medical condition prohibiting the wrestler to compete in the postseason national qualifying tournament. Any reason, other than those relating to personal injury or the wrestler's health, would make him ineligible to compete in the NAIA national championships. In such a case, a medical waiver **MUST** be submitted with the official entry form. For national championship qualification/roster, schools are allowed to replace an injured wrestler on its 12-man roster with a wrestler who has met qualifying standard #2, but did not compete in the postseason qualifying tournament, provided documentation of the injury is submitted with the entry form. Teams using medical waivers at postseason national qualifying championships can only replace a medically-waived entry with a wrestler who has met a national qualifying standard #2 prior to the postseason national qualifying tournament.