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NCAA DIVISION I WRESTLING QUALIFIER ALLOCATIONS, FINAL COACHES' PANEL RANKINGS AND FINAL RPI ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIANAPOLIS--- The NCAA has announced the qualifier allocations for the 2009 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships as listed in the chart below.

Each qualifying tournament was awarded spots per weight class based on current year data. Each wrestler was measured on the following: Division I winning percentage; rating percentage index (RPI); and coaches ranking. A threshold of a 0.725 winning percentage, top 28 in the RPI and top 28 in the coaches ranking was established to allocate 278 of the 330 championships field positions.

For each wrestler that reached the threshold in at least two of the three categories, his qualifying tournament was awarded a qualifying spot in that weight class. Each qualifying tournament was awarded a minimum of one wrestler per weight class, which will go to the tournament champion, even if they did not have any wrestlers reach at least two of the three thresholds. NCAA tournament spots for each qualifying event will be awarded at the tournament based solely on place-finish.

After all of the qualifying events have concluded, the NCAA Division I Wrestling Committee will meet in-person to select the remaining 52 at-large qualifiers, which will be announced on March 11. All weight classes will consist of 33 wrestlers. The at-large selections will be made based on the following criteria: head-to-head competition; qualifying event placement; quality wins; results against common opponents; winning percentage; RPI; coaches ranking and the number of matches contested at that weight class.

Conference	125	133	141	149	157	165	174	184	197	285	Total
Atlantic Coast Conference	2	3	5	3	3	1	1	2	4	3	27
Big Ten Conference	7	6	7	5	7	8	6	6	4	5	61
Big 12 Conference	3	3	3	2	4	5	3	4	5	5	37
Colonial Athletic Association	2	1	1	1	2	2	4	2	4	1	20
East Regional	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association	3	4	2	6	4	3	6	4	2	4	38
Eastern Wrestling League	3	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	22
Mid-American Conference	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	2	19
Pacific-10 Conference	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	20
Southern Conference	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
West Regional	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	13
TOTAL QUALIFIERS	28	28	28	28	29	27	27	27	27	29	278

The complete listing of the 33 wrestlers in each weight class for the final coaches' panel rankings, as well as the second RPI for the 2008-09 season can be found by logging on to www.ncaa.com.

A full video description of the entire selection process is available at http://web1.ncaa.org/web_video/newmedia/wrestling10-21.html, or you can review appendix C of the 2009 Division I Wrestling Championships Handbook, which is available at http://web1.ncaa.org/web_files/champ_handbooks/wrestling/2009/1_wrestling_handbook.pdf.