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MEMORANDUM

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TO: 2007 and 2008 Registered NCAA Wrestling Referees.

FROM: Brad Traviolia, chair  
NCAA Wrestling Committee

Pat McCormick, NCAA National Coordinator of Officials  
NCAA Wrestling Committee.

SUBJECT: In-Person Wrestling Clinics for the 2009-10 Season.

The NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee approved new requirements to qualify as an NCAA registered wrestling referee, effective with the 2009-10 season. The new rule states that **a referee who wishes to be eligible to officiate regular-season and/or postseason competition** must complete the following requirements: (1) The referee shall register after watching the NCAA Rules Presentation not later than October 19 each year; (2) After reviewing the rules presentation, the referee shall annually complete an online examination and receive a minimum passing score of 80 percent; and (3) The referee shall attend an in-person NCAA Wrestling Referee Enhancement Program fall clinic once every three years. All referees must view the rules presentation (Item 1 above) before taking the online examination (Item 2 above). Items 2 and 3 are new requirements.

An institution using a nonregistered referee shall be subject to any or all of the following penalties: monetary fine (\$50 up to a \$300 maximum penalty); disqualification of head coach for one or more competitions; and private or public reprimand. Coaches and/or administrators are encouraged to contact any committee member, the NCAA wrestling secretary-rules editor or an NCAA staff liaison to report a potential violation.

In order that referees may fulfill the in-person clinic attendance, below is information on the two clinics to be held in 2009:

Saturday, September 26, 2009

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[School of Education Building](#)

Boston University

2 Silber Way (recently renamed from Sherborn Street), Room 130

Boston, Massachusetts 02215

[Driving directions](#)

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Sunday, September 27, 2009

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[McGaw Hall](#)

Northwestern University

2705 Ashland Avenue

Evanston, Illinois 60208

[Driving directions](#)

Future dates and locations of clinics have not been finalized, but we are focusing on a location in the East and the Midwest for 2010, and a location in the East and West or Central states for 2011. As a point of clarification, by the 2011-12 season each referee who works NCAA wrestling competition is required to have attended an in-person clinic.

Each clinic will include viewing of the NCAA Wrestling Rules Presentation, with time allowed for questions. Clinician Dr. Pat McCormick will cover mechanics, positioning, tough calls, and a host of informative topics designed to benefit wrestling referees at the college level. A registration card will be distributed for each referee to complete at the conclusion of the clinic to fulfill the attendance requirement.

For those unable to attend an in-person clinic this year, the video is available online for viewing and registering at <http://www.nwcaonline.com/nwcaonline/officials.aspx>. The registration deadline is October 19, but the video (without registration ability) will be available beyond the deadline. The multiple-choice test is available after viewing the rules presentation online.

If you have questions, please contact Pat McCormick at [Pat.McCormick@hamptonu.edu](mailto:Pat.McCormick@hamptonu.edu) or by phone at 757/719-5061.

Have a great season.

BT/PM:nkb

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