

NWCA Statement on the Location of the Mat Mayhem Finals

The National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Board of Directors has announced that the location of the Mat Mayhem Championship Round will be determined immediately at the conclusion of the Regional Qualifying Tournaments taking place on February 11th and 12th.

The NWCA has received bids from Oklahoma State, Minnesota, and Missouri to host the Championship round on Sunday, February 19th, should their programs qualify. The University of Northern Iowa has also committed to hosting the Championship Round regardless of whether their team qualifies or not.

“As much as the NWCA would like to be more accommodating of the fans and media by determining the host site of the Mat Mayhem championship round well in advance of the Regionals; we simply find that we cannot because of the uncertainty of which teams will ultimately qualify. In many instances, the participating teams in Mat Mayhem have made extraordinary sacrifices to support this new format and if possible, we would like to be able to award the championship round to a team that qualifies for the finals,” said NWCA President, Brian Smith.

The NWCA has a selection committee that will make the final decision. Criteria such as facility costs, accessibility of the venue for traveling teams, regional teams that qualify, and historical average spectator base of the host will all be considered.

We hope the wrestling fans and media understand the challenges in making this decision. Once the final location is determined a press release will be sent out to the media and will be posted on the NWCA website at www.nwcaonline.com.

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