

## **Wrestling: Hofstra's Hughes Ranked Ninth In First NCAA Coaches Poll**

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Hempstead, NY - The NCAA released the first of four coaches' panel rankings for the 2017-18 wrestling season Thursday and Hofstra senior Michael Hughes is ranked ninth at 285-pounds.

Hughes, from Smithtown, New York, is 24-2 on the year including 12-0 in dual matches and a 4-0 slate in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA). He is currently tied for the Division I lead in wins by fall with 12. Last Sunday against Sean Dee from Binghamton, Hughes recorded the 100<sup>th</sup> victory of his career.

Wrestlers in each weight class will be measured by winning percentage, rating percentage index (RPI) and coaches' rankings to earn spots in their qualifying tournaments for the 2018 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. The coaches' rankings are compiled by a vote of coaches representing each qualifying tournament. For ranking purposes, coaches may only consider a wrestler that has been designated as a starter at a respective weight class. To be eligible for the rankings, wrestlers must have participated in at least five matches against Division I opponents in the weight class and have wrestled within the last 30 days.

Hofstra University will host the 2018 EIWA Championships at the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex on Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4. For ticket and schedule information, go to the [EIWA Championship Central page](#) on GoHofstra.com or the [EIWA homepage](#).

The final rankings will be one of the tools used as part of the selection process to determine the qualifiers for the 2018 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. This year's event is March 15-17 at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.