

2016-2017
NJSIAA/ROTHMAN INSTITUTE
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
REGULATIONS
GROUP SECTIONALS
AND
GROUP FINALS

GROUP SECTIONALS

Monday - February 6, 2017

Wednesday - February 8, 2017

Friday - February 10, 2017

GROUP FINALS

Sunday - February 12, 2017

Teams not wishing to enter the team tournament must notify NJSIAA by utilizing the *ONLINE TOURNAMENT REFUSAL DESIGNATION* BY JANUARY 24, 2017

Entry Fee to the Team Tournament of \$80.00 is due once seeded

Throughout the entire season, match results MUST be entered following each meet into trackwrestling program. Results will be sent automatically from trackwrestling to njschoolsports.com. Schedules will be automatically downloaded to njschoolsports.com from rSchoolToday and ScheduleStar prior to the start of the season. You are also REQUIRED to enter your rosters prior to the start of the season into njschoolsports.com. Please check njschoolsports.com periodically to make sure all your matches, schedule and roster information is up to date.

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There will be one official assigned for the quarterfinals of the sectionals, two for the semifinals and two for the finals. All officials will be assigned by Vinnie Russo. The expenses for the first two rounds of the sectionals are the responsibility of the host school and all officials will be paid out of gate for those first two rounds. Fee schedule is as follows:

Officials: \$85.00 Weighmaster \$50.00

First round quarterfinals one official/weighmaster \$135.00

The expenses for the Sectional Finals and Group Finals are the responsibility of NJSIAA and the officials will be paid by refpay.

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Group-Sectionals TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A. Description-** A three (3) day, 3-round team tournament that is the first part of the State Wrestling Team Tournament. Held throughout NJ on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the remaining schools with the higher seeds, with qualifying teams broken down by school size (Group), type of school (Public or Non-public), and geographic location (Section). Only the Sectional Group Championship Team advances in the team tournament.
- B. Dates and Times**
- Monday, February **6, 2017**, one (1) round, Sectional Quarterfinal round
 - Wednesday, February **8, 2017**, one (1) round, Sectional Semifinal round
 - Friday, February **10, 2017** one (1) round, Sectional Finals
 - All Sectional Meets- will start at 7:00 PM. Weigh in at 5:30
NOTE: Time changes must be mutually agreed upon and approved by the NJSIAA. Once approved the following procedure must be followed:
 - Competing schools must contact assigned officials to verify availability*
 - Notify assignor – Vinnie Russo*
 - Notify potential opponents, i.e., all teams in group and section*
 - Notify media*
- C. Athletic Trainers -** Each school participating in the tournament shall be responsible for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. When meets are scheduled at predetermined sites, visiting schools should not assume that the home school trainer will be available, and should therefore prepare for the care of their athletes. NJSIAA may assign athletic trainers for the state final events to assist with emergency situations.
- D. Weigh-In Procedures**
- WEIGHT ALLOWANCE**
Same as Regular Season
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 - WEIGHT CLASS PARTICIPATION**
 - WEIGH-IN PERIOD**
 - Mon. Wed. and Fri.** Will begin 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the first meet.
 - All contestants shall be present in the designated weigh-in area at the start of the weigh-in period.
 - Contestants may not leave the weigh-in area unless granted permission by the weighmaster.
 - The dual weigh-in procedure has been aligned with the random draw to provide maximum preparation and warm-up time for the first contestants scheduled to compete in dual meets.
 - All contestants shall weigh in wearing a suitable undergarment as outlined in NFHS Rule 4.5.7. No socks are permitted
 - Visiting team (lower seed) weighs in first.
 - When all wrestlers for a weight class have had an opportunity to weigh-in and the next class is called, that weight class is closed.

8. At least two (2) certified scales must be used and contestants may step on and off the first scale twice, and immediately on any subsequent certified scale(s) only once in attempt to make weight.
9. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period and the contestant's actual weight will determine the weight class.
10. During the time off the scale, activities that promote dehydration are prohibited. Hydration is permitted.
11. Wrestlers opting to wear a legal hair cover must wear it to the weigh-in and be checked for grooming. The legal hair cover must be removed prior to the wrestler stepping on the scale to be weighed.

NOTE: Supervised scales must be available one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the weigh-in period. No one will be allowed to weigh-in early/late unless weather or unforeseen circumstances dictate and the tournament director rules otherwise. Contestants may not engage in quick weight reduction practices during the 30 minute weight check time as explained in NFHS rule 4-4-3.

12. Coaches need to exchange the Trackwrestling computer generated weigh-in forms and if there is a disagreement/irregularity a descent plan form must be presented and follow the instructions on these forms. The Trackwrestling computer generated weigh in form needs to be completed and signed by the opposing coach for all weigh-ins throughout the year, including all tournaments and dual meets. The original completed copy of the Trackwrestling computer generated weigh in forms and descent plan must be **at weigh in and** kept in the mat area during all competitions. Keeping all these forms will be imperative to prove the exact weight class, especially when establishing flat weight at the lowest possible weight at the lowest possible weight class for the year end state tournaments.

NOTE 1: Coaches that have a wrestler(s) that is not listed on the Trackwrestling computer generated weigh in sheet must produce a descent plan for that wrestler(s) as verification that the wrestler(s) is eligible to wrestle on that day or wrestler(s) is ineligible to participate.

NOTE 2: One (1) team point will be deducted for failure to have the Trackwrestling weigh in sheet and/or descent plan at mat side

2. **NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS** Teams may weigh-in three (3) wrestlers in each weight class each day. A wrestler **must** be listed **on the Team Sectional Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh in Form to be eligible**

NOTE: This weigh-in form will be used for the admission of the wrestlers.

3. **ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASSES**

Same as Regular Season

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4. **WEIGHMASTER** - . The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by a weighmaster or designee on the weigh in form. An assigned official will check each wrestler for proper hair grooming, facial hair and fingernail length. Before being permitted to wrestle, any wrestler judged not fit to wrestle must present a written statement from an MD, DO, PA or APN using the proper NJSIAA skin lesion form, that an exam took place pertaining to that condition within the last seven (7) days clearing that contestant for competition.

5 **COACHES/CONTESTANTS CONDUCT**

Same as Regular Season

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4. COACHES/CONTESTANTS CONDUCT

6. **DISQUALIFIED WRESTLER**

Same as Regular Season

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5. DISQUALIFIED WRESTLER

E. Postponement Schedule

1. **DECISION and NOTIFICATION** When severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances necessitate postponement, the Site Manager will make the final decision and should have an outlined procedure to inform the following ` personnel: participating schools, the NJSIAA (609-259-2776), the Wrestling Tournament Director , Mr. Howie O'Neil (h-856-845-2672) or (c-609-221-2216), working personnel, assigned officials, the radio stations and other media serving the area of schools involved.
2. **RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES**
 - a. Monday, Wednesday and Friday session postponement- rescheduled the following day.
 - b. Weigh-In and start times remain the same as original schedule. If consecutive days of competition occur, a weight allowance of one (1) pound will be granted, as per rule.

F. Qualifying Criteria

Same as Regular Season

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D. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. **QUALIFYING EXCEPTIONS**

Any undefeated and untied team with criteria will be included.

2. **QUALIFYING NOTES**

Any meet wrestled after the cut-off date will NOT count toward qualification or seeding, regardless of the reason, even if the cause is an act of God.

G. Selection, Seeding and Complaints

1. **COMMITTEE** Selected ranking chairmen/designee per region and chaired by the Tournament Director.
2. **DATE/SITE OF THE SELECTION/SEEDING MEETING** Tuesday- **January 31, 2017** at 9:00 AM, at NJSIAA Headquarters on Route 130, in Robbinsville, NJ.
3. **NOTIFICATION TO SELECTED SCHOOLS** Contact Region President **by** Wednesday, **February 1, 2017.**

H. Ranking System- The Selection Committee will use the following system to select and seed the six (6) participating teams for each group in each section.

1. PRE-SEASON RANKING General Description: Each region chairperson using 1.a. below, ranks the top 15 teams in their region and sends to State Statistician, who will compile the ranking by **SECTION**.

a. Returning District Place winners

1. Compile point values for returning district place winners. (3 pts. for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd)
2. Multiply these points by the Strength of District Co-efficient. The Co-efficient is determined by the number of ranked teams last year in the district. (1.0- none, 1.1- one, 1.2-two, etc.)

NOTE: A ranked team is one whose final power point ranking, for the prior season was 25.0 or higher.

3. Send point values and District Co-efficient to the state statistician

b. Strength of Program

1. Average the team's SECTIONAL rankings for the last three (3) seasons.
2. Rank teams and give point values for rank position. (15 for 1st, 14 for 2nd, 13 for 3rd, etc.)

c. Pre-Season Ranking

1. Add the points awarded in (a) and (b).
2. Compare results to the other teams in the region to determine its rank position in the region.
3. The teams will then be ranked by SECTION, with 15 teams being ranked in each section.
4. For purpose of the first ranking, assign a 32.00 to the team ranked #1 in the region, 31.50 to #2, 31.00 to #3 ... 25.50 to #14, 25.00 to #15 and 23.00 to all other teams. (The State Statistician will return the ranking points to each Regional Chair, for use in the following year's computation.

NOTE: Based on results, teams will receive power points based on their opponent's power points, according to the ranking scale.

d. Dropping Points

1. After the pre-season ranking, each team's points are dropped before the regular season ranking.

2. REGULAR SEASON RANKING

Same as Regular Season

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3. REGULAR SEASON RANKINGS

a. Tournaments and Out-of-State Competition

1. Results of regular season individual tournaments will NOT count for ranking purposes.
2. Ranking will be based upon in-state competition against NJSIAA member schools; however, the Selection Committee will consider all dual meet competition in the final selections/seedings. **(Rule 2 Section 18 NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws, the 70% rule)**

b. **Compiling Points**

This quotient or average of your 10 best power point producing meets against NJSIAA member schools is compared to that of the other teams to determine its rank position.

c. **Final Ranking**

1. The Final Recalculation of the schools will be computed, using the opponent's numerical ranking from the previous week, immediately after the cut-off date and this final ranking will be used to select and seed teams for the Sectional Team Championships.
2. When wrestling a team multiple times in the same season, each team will use only the result that will benefit that team the most.

d. **Seeding Criteria**

1. Groups Sectional seeding will be from top to bottom
2. At the time of the State cut-off date, if the power points of the best 10 meets against NJSIAA member schools results in a tie between teams, the following criteria will be used in weighted order:
 - a. Head to Head
 1. Majority of wins earn the better seed
 2. Split decisions goes to the latest winning team
 - b. Power point average for all meets
 - c. Common Opponents
 1. Comparing just wins and losses not point differential
 - d. Overall winning percentage
 - e. If still tied, representatives will speak for each team for 2 minutes and a vote of the committee will be final
3. All teams are pre-seeded by power points per group, with the higher pre-seed challenged first.
4. Head-to-Head results receive consideration only when a lower ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately higher (immediately above).

NOTE: When teams split meets during this season, the team that wins the later meet will receive the better seed.
5. Movement in seed may occur only one step at a time on the basis of the Head to Head criterion (i.e. If 8th in rank has defeated 7th in rank/seed, then they switch positions)
6. The 9th then 10th ranked team will replace any team unable to compete if the situation is ruled on by the NJSIAA by 12:00- NOON on Thursday **February 2**, forcing a re-seed with teams moving up to fill the void and the 8th replacing the 7th spot, etc. Any team withdrawal after that time will result in a walk-over for that originally scheduled opponent.

I. **Posting of Ranking, Appeals and School Conduct**

1. **STATE RANKINGS POSTED ON NJSIAA WEB SITE** (www.njsiaa.org)

Contact Region Ranking Chairman with questions.

2. **APPEAL OF SELECTION/SEEDING/CONDITION** There will be **NO APPEAL** of a Selection Committee's decision unless a school can show the calculations for the ranking were in error and filed with the NJSIAA by 12:00 Noon on Thursday, **February 2**. Where it can be substantiated that an unfair seed, or condition has occurred, the school must email the NJSIAA Tournament Director to

have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee with their decision final.

3. **CONDUCT OF COMPETING SCHOOLS:** Schools participating in the Team Championships must provide minimum-security personnel to assist in Crowd Control; such appointed personnel must report to the Site Manager.
 - a. There will be a meeting between the police and school security personnel prior to each event to coordinate their efforts.
 - b. The Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of an individual or a team to compete in the Team Wrestling Championships, at any time, if an individual or team is guilty of flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - c. Participating schools are responsible to provide an administrator or designee to supervise all meets or tournaments, home and away.
 - d. All schools entered in the Team Wrestling Championships will be completely responsible for the conduct of their coaching staffs, athletic trainers, wrestlers, other bench personnel, cheerleaders, students, and spectators. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events. The administration of each school must abide by this requirement.
 - e. The Site Manager and/or the Official, have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation, unethical or unsportsmanlike conduct as noted in the **NFHS Rules Book**.

J. Team Assignments, Sites and Site Managers

STARTING TIMES FOR ALL ROUNDS 7:00 PREFERRED STARTING TIME

Procedure to change time: SEE PAGE 1 B. Dates and Times

1. **SECTIONAL QUARTERFINALS** Monday, February 6, 2017
START TIMES: 7:00 PM
#8 Seed vs. #1 Seed @ #1 Seed: #7 Seed vs. #2 Seed @ #2 Seed
#6 Seed vs. #3 Seed @ #3 Seed: #5 Seed vs. #4 Seed @ #4 Seed
2. **SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS** Wednesday, February 8, 2017:
#8/1 winner vs. #5/4 winner @ higher seed remaining in half bracket
#6/3 winner vs. #7/2 winner @ higher seed remaining in half bracket
3. **SECTIONAL FINALS** Friday, February 10, 2017 @ **higher seeded team remaining**

K. Participation Limitations- Week of Team Championships- February 5 – 12, 2017

1. **NON-SELECTED TEAMS**- Meets wrestled do NOT count toward the thirty (30) maximum.
 - a. Permitted to wrestle within the limitations of **NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws Rule 25, Section 8**
2. **SELECTED TEAMS**
May NOT wrestle prior to their first tournament meet this week. (unless declared Champion)
NOTE: Schools must contact NJSIAA for waiver
3. **SELECTED TEAMS THAT ARE ELIMINATED DURING THE WEEK**
 - a. Still permitted to wrestle but must adhere to limitations in **NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws Rule 25, Section 8**

L. Ticket and Admission Information

1. ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES-

Must be listed on the **Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form** There will be **NO** tickets given out for admission.

NOTE: TEAM MUST USE GROUP TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHOOL ADMISSION AND WEIGH IN FORM (2 COPIES) LOCATED ON THE FOLLOWING SITE:

www.trackwrestling.com

2. TICKET PRICES – TBA

M. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. USE OF AN INELIGIBLE WRESTLER

- a. Regular Season including Tournaments - Participation by an ineligible wrestler in any match during the season results in forfeiture of that wrestler's match with the final team score and subsequent power rankings and selection/seeding, adjusted accordingly.

N. Officials and Meets

- 1. OFFICIALS** -Are assigned by Vinnie Russo, (cell) 973 865 6254, (work) 973 228 4224 email refvr@yahoo.com with **one (1) official for the quarterfinals. Two (2) officials will be assigned for semis and finals with one official assigned as weighmaster.**

- a. Officials must be confirmed by host Site Manager no later than Friday, February **6, 2017.**
- b. Jurisdiction time of the referee begins upon arrival at the site and concludes with the approval of the scorebook and/or verification of final score as per NFHS Rule 3-1-3

- 2. MATCH LENGTH**- All matches, will consist of three (3), 2-minute periods. Overtime is one (1), 1-minute sudden, victory period from the neutral position. If no scoring, then there will be two (2) 30-second periods with each wrestler given choice of position. If no difference in the scoring after these two 30-second periods, then the 30-second top/bottom tiebreaker will decide the meet. A fall ends the meets at any time.

- 3. FIRST MATCH** Draw for 1st match immediately preceding weighs-in and continue weigh-ins in that order.

- 4. HOME/VISITOR SELECTION**- Teams will NOT be pre-determined "Home" or "Visitor." A pre-meet coin toss will determine odd and even meet which in turn dictates the following:
- a. Which team will send their wrestler to the scorer's table first and who then cannot be withdrawn or replaced without being disqualified.
- b. Which team will have the choice of selecting top, bottom, neutral or deferring to begin the second period.

O. Awards and Team Scoring

1. **AWARDS**- A trophy to the Team Champion in each Group in each Section, will be awarded at completion of meet. The trophy will be sent to the top seeded school, who will make sure the trophy gets to the sectional final site on time.
 - a. Individual Certificates will be mailed to all Sectional and Group Championship members.
2. **TEAM SCORING**- To determine Team Champion- Points kept in accordance with procedures in **NFHS Rule 9**, Tournament Scoring,
3. **DUAL MEET TIE-BREAKER**- If a tie exists between the teams in the Team Championships, the criteria listed in the **NFHS rule book** will be in effect.

Policies & Procedures for Tournaments

A. Conduct of Coaches, Officials and Contestants

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP**- Schools are not permitted to conduct pre-meet activities of an intimidating nature, (i.e. use of fog machine, blaring of sirens, unusual sound effects, strobe, unusual lighting effects, or similar type activities)
 - a. Sportsmanship needs to be promoted as much as possible. **NFHS Rule 3-1-4e** requires the official to meet with coaches and captains to emphasize that everyone is to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
 - b. Line up for Introduction:
 1. Should individual wrestler introductions occur, wrestlers will stand in the proper introduction alignment until the introductions of all the wrestlers have been completed unless otherwise notified. Wrestlers will be attired in school-issued warm-ups, shorts, or singlets, and they are to be worn in the proper manner. No hats, caps, bandanas, head phones etc. will be worn.
 2. When the introduction of a wrestler has been made, the wrestler will go to the center of the mat and stand to await the introduction of his opponent. When his opponent has been introduced, the opposing wrestler will go to center of the mat where the wrestlers will shake hands.
 3. Wrestlers will stand quietly and attentively during the playing of the National Anthem. Actions that could be construed as disrespectful will not be permitted. No jumping around, warming up, or pacing back and forth will be allowed.
 4. Failure to comply the above stated guidelines shall result in an unsportsmanlike conduct call. The Head Coach will be penalized with the deduction of one (1) team point **NFHS Rule 7-5-3**.
2. **ETHICS- COACHES AND OFFICIALS** - The NJSIAA strongly denounces the practice of coaches and/or officials affixing their signatures to petitions which do not enhance the sport of wrestling. Statements to the press should not reflect unfavorably upon a coach, an official, or tournament personnel. Violators will be requested to appear before the **Controversies Committee with penalties assessed as provided for in Bylaws, Article X**.

3. **COACHES/CONTESTANT CONDUCT**- Will be Strictly Enforced.
 - a. **Individual Tournaments**- Wrestling will not start until there is at least one (1) coach but not more than two (2) coaches or school representatives (including athletic trainers) in both corners.
 - b. **Coaches Misconduct** – Will be strictly enforced as per **NFHS Rule 5-5**
 - c. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct** – Will be strictly enforced as per **NFHS Rules 7-4-2, 7-5-3, 8-1-4**
 - d. **Flagrant Misconduct** – Will be strictly enforced as per **NFHS Rules 7-4-3, 7-5-5, 8-1-3, 8-1-6**
4. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**- Wrestlers and coaches involved with alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances before, during or after a contest, at the site or on school property, including chartered busses, shall be suspended from NJSIAA tournament competition for one year and be denied any championship rights. This action was taken in support of the fact that such actions concerning alcoholic beverages and illegal substances are in violation of New Jersey State statutes and will be strictly enforced.
 - B. **Athletic Emergency Procedure**- Each school participating in an NJSIAA sanctioned event will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school’s policy as is in effect during the regular season, except when NJSIAA provides staff for athletic emergencies. The athletic emergency procedure of the host school will be in effect during the tournaments. The Site Manager will set up a line of communication for emergency treatment.
 - C. **Infectious Disease Policy**- **ATTENTION: Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials**
 RE: Recommended Precautions Against Transmission of Blood Borne Pathogens
 1. All member schools must provide all coaches with contents of the **NJSIAA Infectious Disease Policy**. If an individual gets someone else’s blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn to wipe the blood off with a disposable towel using soap and water.
 - a. If any blood gets on an opponent’s uniform during competition or a teammate’s uniform during practice, it is unnecessary to clean the uniform at that point unless the opponent or teammate has an open cut or unskinned area, or the blood is on a part of the uniform which might come in contact with mucous membranes. If the student-athlete does have an open cut or unskinned area or believes that blood might come in contact with mucous membranes, then the uniform should be wiped with soap and water.
 - D. **Sales and Solicitations**- Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the **2016-2017** season, **T-RificTees**. is the designated vendor. Solicitations, sale of publications/ products, or similar activities are not permitted. The NJSIAA is the sponsoring association for all levels of State Tournament/Championships, (both Team and Individual). The NJSIAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these Tournament/Championships and the sale and distribution of clothing, souvenirs or any other items is strictly prohibited.

E. Broadcasting Rights

NJSIAA BROADCASTING REGULATIONS

1. The NJSIAA has granted News 12 Varsity and the NFHS Network the exclusive rights to create, distribute and license programming in connection with NJSIAA tournaments (and NJSIAA sporting events to the extent the NJSIAA controls or otherwise has authority to grant such rights with regard to NJSIAA sporting events) in all media currently existing or yet to be developed. This includes, without limitation, network and cable television broadcast, pay-per-view television, radio, webcasting, streaming, podcasting, distribution over wireless telephone networks, optical media including DVD, and print publications. The foregoing shall not be interpreted to restrict NJSIAA member schools from producing print publications (i.e. programs or similar) for distribution on school property during the regular season NJSIAA sports events, or to restrict the NJSIAA from producing print publications (i.e. programs or similar) for distribution during post-season NJSIAA tournaments.
2. Any third party seeking to create, distribute or otherwise exploit programming in connection with the NJSIAA sporting events in any media will be directed to News 12 Varsity and the NFHS Network, as applicable, by the NJSIAA or the applicable member school. News 12 Varsity and the NFHS Network shall have the right to enter into license arrangements with such third parties.
3. News12 Varsity and the NFHS Network may create NJSIAA programming for distribution via any media distribution means owned or controlled by their parent organization.
4. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including but not limited to Sections A and B above, NJSIAA member schools may broadcast regular season (but not playoff, post-season tournament, or championship) athletic contests involving such schools' own teams or athletes, without charging any fee to any viewer or other third party, on such schools' own commercial-free television networks, their own commercial-free websites, or on commercial-free public access television channels (provided that any agreement between an NJSIAA member school and a commercial-free public access television channel does not permit sublicense or other use of the telecast).

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B. Dates and Times

Group-Finals TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A. **Description-** A one (1) day, 2-round team tournament per public school group and 1-round for the Non-public groups, which is the final part of the State Wrestling Team Tournament where the team champion of all five (5) public school groups and two (2) Non-public school groups will be determined.

NOTE: Team rosters for the tournament program are due on **February 1, 2017** and must be submitted by the “interactive roster form” found on the following site: Check the site to ensure your roster is posted:

www.njschoolsports.com

B. Dates and Times

1. **DATES-** Sunday, February **12, 2017**

- Public- two (2) rounds- State Group semifinal and final rounds.
- Non-public- one (1) round- State Non-public Final.

2. **TIMES-**

- Session 1 Weigh-In begins **7:30 AM Wrestling starts- 9:00 AM** on **4** mats
- Session 2 Weigh-In begins **10:00 AM Wrestling starts- 11:30 AM** on **4** mats
- Session 3 Weigh-In begins **12:30 PM Wrestling starts-2:00 PM** on **4** mats
- Session 4 **Weigh-in begins at 3:00 PM for Non-Public A Wrestling starts-5:00 PM** on **3** mats
- Session 5 **Weigh-in begins at 5:30 PM for Non-Public B Wrestling starts 7:00 PM on 2 mats**
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3. **PAIRINGS-** The pairings for are as follows:

- Session 1 **Semi Finals Group III mats 1 & 2
Semi Finals Group II mats 3 & 4**
- Session 2 **Semi Finals Group V mats 1 & 2
Semi Finals Group I mats 3 & 4**
- Session 3 **Semi Finals Group IV mats 1 & 4
Finals Group II mat 2
Finals Group III mat 3**
- Session 4 **Finals Group I mat 1
Finals Group V mat 2
Finals Non-Public A mat 3**
- Session 5 **Finals Group IV mat 1
Finals Non-Public B mat 2**

NOTE: There will be a 10 minute warm-up period per team prior to the starting times listed above.

C. Weigh-In Procedures- Same as the Sectional Tournament at the times listed above.

1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE-** Original Weight Class- 106 Sunday- 108

NOTE: Teams weigh-in at their 1st session only. **Non-Public A only at session 4 weigh in. Non-Public B only at session 5 weigh in.**

D. Postponement Schedule- Highly unlikely.

1. DECISION AND NOTIFICATION

Same as Group Sectionals

See Page 3 E. Postponement Schedule

- 2. RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES-** Determined and communicated to sites and teams by NJSIAA.

E. Rotating Host Site Schedule- If Postponed, and the tournament cannot be held at the original site, the **2017** season hosts are:

<i>Public</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
NJ1	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V	IV	III	II
NJ2	II	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V	IV	III
CJ	III	II	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V	IV
SJ	IV	III	II	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V
<i>Non-Public</i>								
North A				X				X
South B	X				X			
North B		X				X		
South A			X				X	

F. Qualifying Criteria

- 1. Entry Form** – Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-in Form located on Trackwrestling.com

G. Selection, Seeding and Complaints-

- 1. SEEDING OF SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS** Based on power points and head-to-head results using the same criteria as used in the team sectional tournament.
- 2. APPEALS-** There are **NO APPEALS** of the Selection Committee’s decision unless a school can show the calculations for the ranking were in error. Where it can be substantiated that an unfair circumstance has occurred the school will contact the NJSIAA Tournament Director to have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee with their decision ruled as final.

H. Participation Limitations the Week of Group Team Championships

SELECTED TEAMS THAT ARE ELIMINATED

Same as Group Sectionals

See Page 6 and 7

K. Participation Limitations

3. SELECTED TEAMS THAT ARE ELIMINATED

DURING THE WEEK

I. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. USE OF AN INELIGIBLE WRESTLER

Same as Group Sectionals

See Page 7

M. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. USE OF AN INELIGIBLE WRESTLER-

J. Officials and Meet Information

1. **OFFICIALS** Assigned by Vinnie Russo, (cell) 973 865 6254, (work) 973 865 6254, email refvr@yahoo.com with two (2) officials per mat, one official assigned as weighmaster. Weighmaster or designee must record weight of participants, not coaches. Officials will be confirmed by host site no later than Friday, February **10, 2017**.
2. **MATCH LENGTH**
Same as Group Sectionals
See Page 7. N. Officials and Meets
2. MATCH LENGTH
3. **MEET START**
Same as Group Sectionals
See Page 7 N. Officials and Meets
3. FIRST MATCH
4. **HOME/VISITOR SELECTION**
Same as Group Sectionals
See Page 7 N. Officials and Meets
4. HOME/VISITOR SELECTION
5. **EXHIBITION MATCHES** are not permitted.

K. Ticket and Admission Information

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES-**
Same as Group Sectionals
See page 7 L. Ticket and Admission Information
2. **TICKET PRICES** **TBA**
NOTE: The arena will be cleared after the 2:00 pm session, before the start of the 5:00 pm session.

L. Awards and Team Scoring

1. The Group State Champion Trophy, for each of the seven championships, will be awarded at mat side immediately following the end of each final round.

Policies & Procedures for Tournaments

Same as Group Sectionals
See pages 8, 9 and 10

