

**2016-2017 NJSIAA/ROTHMAN
INSTITUTE WRESTLING
TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS**

REGIONS & STATES

REGIONS

Wednesday - February 22

Friday – February 24

Saturday- February 25

REGION Seeding – No later than Monday of Region week

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

STATE Seeding Monday – February 27

STATE Championships Atlantic City

Friday - March 3

Saturday- March 4

Sunday - March 5

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.

New for this Year

REGIONS

All results are required to be entered into trackwrestling within 48 hours of the event time. A warning will be given to a school the first time it fails to comply with the reporting requirement. Future instances will be subject to a \$150 fine, which is consistent with NJSIAA practice in other sports regarding late entries and late reporting of results

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- N. **Region Wrestlebacks**
WRESTLEBACKS A quarterfinalist non-winner may wrestle back to 5th place in the regions

REGIONS INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All of the guidelines for the Regions are the same as in the District Tournament unless noted below

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B. Dates and Times

1. **DATE** Wednesday-February **22**, Friday-February **24**, and Saturday, February **25, 2017**

2. **TIME**

Same as Districts

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B. Dates and Times

2. TIME

EXCEPT:

a. Wednesday wrestling starting no later than 6:00 PM.

b. Saturday morning includes **three (3)** rounds of wrestlebacks.

3. **ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASSES** Random Draw for the Finals only.

C. Weigh-In Procedures – There is no weigh-in form

1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE** Original Wt. Class 106; Wednesday & Friday- 108; For Saturday- 109

2. **WEIGH-IN PERIOD**

Same as Regular Season

See page 3

1. WEIGH IN PERIOD

EXCEPT:

a. Wednesday- Same as District Friday, except District Champions **DO NOT** weigh in or wrestle.

3. **WEIGHMASTER**

Same as Group Sectionals

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4. WEIGHMASTER

D. Postponement Schedule

1. **DECISION AND NOTIFICATION**

Same as Group Sectionals

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E. Postponement Schedule

1. Decision and Notification

2. **RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES**

Same as Districts

See pages 2 and 3

D. Postponement Schedule

2. RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES

except if Wednesday's session is postponed, that weigh-in and session will be on Thursday at original scheduled times.

E. Team Assignments, Sites and Site Managers

REGION 1 (39)	REGION 2 (40)	REGION 3 (39)	REGION 4 (39)
@BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MGR. Brad DiRupo DISTRICTS 1-4	@MT. OLIVE MGR. Dave Fanielli DISTRICTS 5-8	@WEST ORANGE MGR. Ron Bligh DISTRICTS 9-12	@UNION (39) MRG. Linda Ionta DISTRICTS 13-16
REGION 5 (38)	REGION 6 (39)	REGION 7 (39)	REGION 8 (39)
@HUNTERDON CENTRAL MGR. Mike Raymond DISTRICTS 17-20	@BRICK MEMORIAL MGR. Ed Sarluca DISTRICTS 21-24	TOMS RIVER NORTH PINE BELT ARENA MGR. Bob Cassidy DISTRICTS 25-28	EGG HARBOR TWP. MGR. Mike Pellegrino DISTRICTS 29-32

F. DISTRICT/REGION REALIGNMENT

Same as Districts

See page 6

F. REALIGNMENT PROCESS

G. Qualifying Criteria

1. **QUALIFYING** Individuals must have placed in the Top Three (3) of the District, unless replacement.
2. **QUESTIONS**

Same as Districts

See pages 6 and 7

G. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

5. QUESTIONS

H. Seeding

1. **PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS**

Same as Districts

See page 7

H. Seeding

1. PHILOPSOHY

2. ETHICS

2. **SEEDING - By Committee Only** We will be using the **past advancements in the previous state tournament to preseed the regions**

- a. **COMMITTEE** Chaired by the Regional Tournament Director, or designated Seeding Chairperson, who will break any tie votes, and four (4) District Representatives.
- b. Each District Rep may bring a *non-voting, non-speaking* assistant/coach. No other coaches.

3. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING** There will be only one (1) seeding meeting and it will be prior to the start of the Region tournament.

- a. Seeding meeting will take place no later than Monday of the Region week.

- I. **Goal of Seeding**
 - a. Separate the best wrestlers
 - b. District Champions received a BYE in the first round
 - c. Pre-Seed, Head-to-Head movement and seed all 1st, 2nd and 3rd place district medal winners
- J. **Pre-Seed Criteria – In Order**
 - a. Own Merit in a Previous Tournament – this level or better
 - 1. Higher replacement(s) or further advancements(s) in wrestlebacks will earn the better pre-seed.
NOTE: If 2nd and 3rd in same weight class lost to same champion, advancement considered same
 - 2. Greater number of appearances – with the most recent advancement receiving preference.
NOTE: All wrestlers get credit for being here, minimum advancement if out
 - 3. Returning at same weight – is better than one weight above followed by one below then two above, two below, etc.
 - b. Defeated a seeded wrestler(s) – in this weight class during this season
NOTE: The better the pre-seed the better the victory. Use other victories using this criterion, if needed
 - c. Defeated any tournament participant(s) from a previous year during this season.
NOTE: Better the defeated wrestler’s advancement the higher pre-seed. Use other victories using this criterion if needed
 - d. Pre-seed by winning percentage if tied, discuss and vote
- K. **Head to Head Competition – this season**
 - a. First Step – eliminate round robin set of losses between 3 or more wrestlers. Might have to use loss twice to satisfy multiple round robins. A>B>C>A or A>B>C>D>A
 - b. Next, start with the best pre-seed and work down. Discuss every head-to-head match with the best challenge heard first. Continue until all losses are satisfied and vote only with extenuating circumstances.
NOTE: Majority of victories receives preference. Split decisions will be decided with the later win receiving preference
 - c. The vote will result in the challenger moving ahead of the higher pre-seeded wrestler moving the remaining wrestlers down OR to remain in the pre-seed placement.
- L. **Completing bracket – round of 16**
 - a. To ensure that district champs get a BYE in the first round all champs must be seeded in the top eight (8) spots.
 - 1. If a champ is seeded outside the top eight, that wrestler will be placed at the 8th seed and the other wrestlers will be moved to accommodate that placement. If multiple, use 7th and 8th spots, etc.
 - b. The lowest four, 2nd/3rd seeds, will be paired with the highest four, 2nd/3rd

1. **The best seeded 2nd/3rd will be paired with the lowest seeded 2nd/3rd**
2. **The 2nd best 2nd/3rd vs. the 2nd lowest 2nd/3rd, etc.**

M. Informing Coaches of Seeding

The Region President will make sure the newspapers and committee coaches relay the seeding information to all participating schools by Tuesday night.

7. **UNFAIR SEEDS**; Same as District, except appeal must be made by 9:00 pm Tuesday.

N. Region Wrestlebacks

1. **WRESTLEBACKS** **wrestlers will wrestleback to 3rd thru 6th place in the regions**
2. **TIMES:** Left up to the discretion of the site manager but wrestlebacks will be conducted on Saturday.
3. **TOURNAMENT EXAMPLE** Approximate times
 - a. **By Monday PM** - Entire tournament Seeded by committee (2 hours)
 - b. **Wednesday**- Preliminary Round- 2nd and 3rd rounds- No champs (2 mats=4 hrs., 4 mats=2 hr)
 - c. **Friday**- Quarterfinals (2 mats=4 hrs., 4 mats=2 hr)
 - d. **Saturday AM**- Semifinals, (2 mats=2 hrs., 4 mats=1 hr) then
W/B-1, (2 mats=2 hrs., 4 mats=1 hr) then
W/B-2 (2 mats=2 hrs., 4 mats=1 hr)
 - e. **Saturday PM**- Consolations **to 5th** (2 mats = ~~50 minutes~~ **2 hours**)
Finals (1 mat= 2 ½ hr.)

O. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. **DEFINITIONS**

- a. Replacement

Same as Districts

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EXCEPT:

The replacement must have competed in the finals or consolations, **IN THE DISTRICTS** unless injured. Only someone placing 1st through 4th may be a replacement.

NOTE: The coach of the withdrawn or possibly withdrawn wrestler must notify the coach of the 4th place finisher so that wrestler may be the third representative from that district

- b. Forfeiture and ineligible wrestlers

Same as Districts

See pages 10 and 11

I. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. DEFINITIONS

- b.

2. **RE-SEEDING** Any replacement will necessitate that District to treat their three (3) remaining wrestlers as 1st, (best remaining and receives a bye 1st round) 2nd (next best remaining) and 3rd place finishers (3rd best remaining).
 - a. **Replacement** Any wrestler named at the seeding meeting that cannot wrestle in that weight class, for any reason, can be replaced prior to the conclusion of that weight class' weigh-in by an "eligible" replacements alternate (see Qualifying Criteria). A re-seed must occur.

P. Officials and Match Information

Same as District

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J. Officials and Meet Information

1, 2, 3 and 4

EXCEPT:

Wrestleback matches shall consist of three periods, each period will be two minutes in length. When contestants are tied at the end of the three regular periods, they will wrestle overtime as outlined in **NFHS Rule 6-7 Arts. 1-3.**

Q. Coaches/Contestants Conduct

Same as Regular Season

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4. COACHES/CONTESTANTS CONDUCT

R. Ticket and Admission Information

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES**

- a. All Tickets will be given in a packet following the District Tournament

2. **TICKET PRICES** TBA

S. Awards and Team Scoring

Same NJSIAA Individual Awards as District

See page 11

L. Awards and Team Scoring

EXCEPT:

1. There is NO team title or team scoring.
2. NJSIAA sponsored- First (1st) through fourth (4th) place medals will be awarded.
3. NJ Coaches Association (NJWCA) Awards. Coaches- Please see DISTRICTS Awards section as your association has recommendations towards attire.
 - a. Region Most Outstanding Wrestler
 - b. Region Coach of the Year
 - c. Designation of the #1 Team in the Region.
 - d. Region Assistant Coach of the Year

New for this Year

STATES

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B. Dates and Times

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C. Weigh-In Procedures

2. WEIGH-IN PERIOD

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G. Seeding-

3. GOAL OF SEEDING

Pages 3 and 4

4. STATE and REGION and DISTRICT SEEDING CRITERIA: in order;

I. PRE-SEED

State - *INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS*

All of the guidelines for these rounds are the same as in the District/Regions unless noted below.

A. Description- The Ultimate goal- A State Championship *A three (3) day, 4-6 round, 5 session, tournament that is the final part of the Individual State Wrestling Championships. Held at one (1) location, the **Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall**. There are **thirty two (32)** wrestlers left in the State Championship per weight class. There are wrestle-backs to third place and everyone that makes it through the Saturday Night rounds (final 8 wrestlers), are awarded medals.*

B. Dates and Times

1. **DATES-**

- a. Friday- **March 3, 2017-** Preliminaries and Pre-quarterfinals
- b. Saturday- **March 4, 2017-** Quarterfinals, Semifinals and **five (5)** wrestle-back rounds,
- c. Sunday- **March 5, 2017-** wrestleback final consolations (3rd thru 8th), and finals.

2. **TIMES-**

- a. Friday: Session 1- **2:30 PM-** Preliminaries Prequarters to follow
- b. Saturday Session 2- **9:00 AM- Wrestlebacks 1, 2 and 3**
12:00 Quarterfinals,
Session 3- **6:00 PM-** Semifinals, **Wrestlebacks 4 and 5**
- c. Sunday: Session 4 - **10:00 AM- Wrestleback 6**
Final 3rd thru 8 Consolations to follow
Session 5 - **2:00 PM-** Awards and Presentations
2:30 PM- Parade of Placewinners
3:00 PM- Finals

NOTE: DOORS WILL OPEN ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE THE START OF WRESTLING FOR EACH DAY

3. **ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASSES:** Random Draw for the Finals only.

- C. **Weigh-In Procedures**
1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE** Original Weight Class- 108; Friday- 108, Saturday 109; Sunday 110.
 2. **WEIGH-IN PERIOD**
Same as Districts
See page 1 C. Weigh-In Procedure
2. WEIGH IN PERIOD
EXCEPT:
 - a. Friday- Starts at **12:30** at 108 and concludes with 287 lb. weight class- **fifteen (15)** officials, Ballroom
 - b. Saturday- Starts at **7:30** at 109, concludes with the 288 lb. weight class- **fifteen (15)** officials, Ballroom
 - c. Sunday- Starts at **8:30** at 110, concludes with the 289 lb. weight class- **seven (7)** officials, Ballroom

WEIGH INS FOR EACH WEIGHT CLASS WILL BE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

3. **WEIGHMASTER**
Same as Group Sectionals
See page 3 4. **WEIGHMASTER**
 4. **WEIGHT CHECK**- ½ hour prior to the weigh-in period, WRESTLERS ONLY, no coaches.
- D. **Postponement Schedule**
1. **DECISION AND NOTIFICATION**
Same as Group Sectionals
See page 3
E. Postponement Schedule
1. Decision and Notification
EXCEPT:
the Tournament Director makes the decision and will call the NJSIAA, assigned officials and working personnel
 2. **RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES**
In case of inclement weather times and dates to be determined
- E. **Team Assignments, Sites and Tournament Director**
State Championships, Atlantic City Boardwalk; Hall, Director: Howie O'Neil, Districts 1 - 32
- F. **Qualifying Criteria**
1. **ENTRY FEE** No new entry fee.
 2. **QUESTIONS**
Same as Districts
See page 6
G. Qualifying Criteria
5. QUESTIONS
- G. **Seeding-**
1. **COMMITTEE** Chaired by the Tournament Director who will break any tie votes, his designated Seeding Chairperson and the eight (8) Regional Presidents of the NJWCA.
 2. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING** Monday- **February 26, 2017** at 9:00 AM at NJSIAA Headquarters on Route 130 in Robbinsville, NJ.

3. GOAL OF SEEDING

- a. Separate the best wrestlers
- b. **Pre-seed, head-to-head movement and seed only 1st, 2nd and 3rd place regions medal winners**
- c. **4th places – pre-seed then head-to-head between themselves for seeds 25-32**

NOTE: If a 4th did not wrestler in the region consi-finals – line 32. If multiple – compare non-participants to themselves and place in seed line 32, 31, 30, etc., in reverse order

4. STATE and REGION and DISTRICT SEEDING CRITERIA: in order;

I. PRE-SEED

- a. **Wrestlers Own Merit in A Previous Tournament – this level or better**
 - 1. **Higher placements(s) or further advancement(s) in wrestlebacks will earn the better pre-seed.**

NOTE: If 2nd and 3rd in same weight class lost to same champion, advancement considered same
 - 2. **Great number of appearances – with the most recent advancement receiving preference.**

NOTE: All wrestlers get credit for being here, minimum advancement if out
 - 3. **Returning at same weight is better than one weight above, followed by one below, then two above, two below, etc.**
- b. **Defeated a seeded wrestler(s) in this weight class during this season.**

NOTE: The better the pre-seed the better the victory. Use other victories using this criterion, if needed
- c. **Defeated any tournament participant(s) from a previous year during this season.**

NOTE: Better the defeated wrestler's advancement, the higher pre-seed. Use other victories using this criterion if needed
- d. **Pre-seed by winning percentage, if tied discuss and vote**

5. **Head-to-Head Competition** – this season
 - a. **First Step** – eliminate round robin set of losses between 3 or more wrestlers. Might have to use loss twice to satisfy multiple round robins. A>B>C>A or A>B>C>D>A.
 - b. **Second Step** – start with the best pre-seed and work down. Discuss every head-to-head match with the best challenge heard first. Continue until all losses are satisfied and vote only with extenuating circumstances.

NOTE: Majority of victories receives preference. Split decisions will be decided with the later win receiving preference
 - c. **The vote will result in the challenger moving ahead of the higher pre-seeded wrestler moving the remaining wrestler down, OR to remain in the pre-seed placement.**

H. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. **DEFINITIONS**
 - a. Replacement
 - b. Forfeiture and Ineligible Wrestlers

Same as District

See page 10

I. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. **DEFINITIONS**
 - a, b c
2. **RESEEDING** There is a 48-hour appeal window (12:00 noon, Wednesday) after the seeding meeting is completed. A re-seed/re-draw of wrestlers will occur before this time.
 - a. **If a wrestler is out of the tournament for any reason prior to 8:00 pm Thursday, a reseed will occur.**
 - b. **Any replacement will necessitate that Region to treat their four (4) remaining wrestlers as 1st (best remaining) 2nd (next best remaining) 3rd and 4th best remaining for reseeding purposes.**
 - c. **If the 5th or 6th place Region finisher cannot replace an injured/withdrawn wrestler, then a walkover in that spot will occur.**
3. **FAILURE TO MAKE WEIGHT CLASS IN ATLANTIC CITY**
 - a. **A reseed WILL NOT occur after the initial weigh-in.**
 - b. **If there is a legal replacement from that Region the replacement will occupy the spot of the withdrawn wrestler.**
 - c. **If no replacement then a walkover will occur in the first round.**

I. Officials and Matches

Same as District

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I. Officials and Match Information

1. **OFFICIALS**

EXCEPT:

 1. There will be three (3) officials assigned for every mat prior to the finals, and

six (6) are assigned for the finals. When contestants are tied at the end of the three regular periods, they will wrestle overtime as outlined in NFHS Rule 6-7 Arts. 1-3.

2. The same officials cannot work the NJSIAA State Finals in consecutive years.

J. Ticket and Admission Information

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES**

- a. All Tickets and Weigh-In passes will be given by packet immediately following the Regions.

TICKET PRICES TBA

K. Awards

All place winners must be present at the awarding of medals and the following picture ceremony in proper school uniform (i.e. NO hats, shorts, ripped shirts, blue jeans, flip flops, etc.). Coaches are responsible for the appearance of their wrestlers and any awards will be held by the NJSIAA if the wrestler is not in proper attire. Coaches please see DISTRICTS Awards section as your association has recommendations towards attire.

1. NJSIAA AWARDS
 - a. The Donald Ringler Award will be given to the Most Outstanding Wrestler.
 - b. Individual- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place medals and pull-overs per weight class.
2. NJWCA AWARDS- NJ Wrestling Coaches Association
 - a. Harry E. Lake Award- Contributions to Wrestling
 - b. State Assistant Coach of the Year**
 - c. Wilfred E. Cann Award- State Coach of the Year
 - d. Ernie Finizio/Pug Williams Award- #1 Team in New Jersey
3. NJWOA AWARD- NJ Wrestling Officials Association
 - a. Richard Mirshak Award- Premium Award for Officiating
4. Vincent Russo Golden Whistle Award – Excellence in Officiating

POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENTS

Same as Group Sectionals

See pages 8, 9 and 10

Policies & Procedures For Tournament