

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

DISTRICTS

DISTRICT SEEDING

All District seeding meetings **MUST** be held **on**

Wednesday of District week

DISTRICTS

Friday - February **17**

Saturday - February **18**

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 match, schedule and roster information is up to date.

All results are required to be entered 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 \$150.00 fine, which is consistent with NJSIAA practice in other sports regarding late entries and late reporting results

After a competition every wrestler's exact weight must be recorded in trackwrestling OPC in a timely manner. Each wrestler will have two (2) "open weigh-ins" that is the wrestler's exact weight must be recorded in trackwrestling prior to the production of the official weigh- in form for the second competition after said meet or tournament. Example: Team has a dual meet on Friday, tournament on Saturday, and dual meet on Monday. The exact weights for Friday's meet must be recorded prior to the production of the weigh-in sheet for Monday's meet. If a wrestler's weight has not been entered for two (2) weigh-ins, that wrestler's name cannot be added to a new weigh-in sheet

NJSIAA Rules Changes for 2016-2017

New for this Year

- 1. 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**
- 2. The individual entry fee of \$80.00 has been replaced with a \$14.00 per weight class fee. This fee is to be sent to the NJSIAA to help cover the cost of District trophies and medals plus all other expenses for the Regions and States**

NOTE: The facility fee due to the District host schools remains the same

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F. DISTRICT/REGION REALIGNMENT

District CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A. **Description** A 3-round qualifying, tournament that is the first part of the Individual State Wrestling Championship held at 32 locations throughout NJ. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each weight class advance to the regions, the next tournament of the championships.
- B. **Dates and Times**
1. **DATES**- February **17** and February **18** – Please note – schools have the option of running a one day district tournament.
 - a. Friday, February **17, 2017**, preliminary (if needed) and quarterfinal rounds
 - b. Saturday, February **18, 2017**, semifinal and final rounds.
 2. **TIME**- The time schedule shall be at the discretion of the Site Manager, although the Friday session should not start after 6:00 PM. It is strongly recommended that Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night be used to complete the tournament, using a single mat for the finals following the consolations. Eliminating a Saturday morning round after a late Friday night round should help reduce the need for overnight lodging.
 3. **WEIGHT CLASS ORDER** Random draw will be used for FINAL MATCHES ONLY. All other rounds will start at 106 through 285. The random draw for the finals will take place prior to weigh-ins Saturday morning when all coaches and wrestlers are present at the designated weigh-in time.
- C. **Weigh-In Procedures**
1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE**
 - a. For Two Day Tournament starting Friday
Original Weight Class- 106 Friday- 108 For Saturday- 109
 - b. For One Day Tournament starting Saturday
Original Weight Class – 106 Saturday 108
 2. **WEIGH-IN PERIOD**
 - a. Must begin 2.0 hours before the start of each session.
 - b. All contestants in a particular weight class shall be present in the designated weigh-in area at the start of the weigh-in period.
 - c. Contestants may not leave the weigh-in area unless granted permission by the weighmaster.
 - d. All contestants shall weigh in wearing a suitable undergarment as outlined in **NFHS Rule 4.5.7**. No socks are permitted
 - e. Weigh-ins will begin at 106 lb. and conclude immediately following the 285 lb. weight class.
 - f. Wrestlers will weigh-in in seeded order, lower or worse seed weighs in first.
 - g. 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.
 - h. 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.

- i. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period—During the time off the scale, activities that promote dehydration are prohibited. Hydration is permitted.

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

3. **NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS**

Same as Group Sectionals

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2. NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS

EXCEPT:

only 1 wrestler per weight class will be given a pass for entry into the tournament.

NOTE 1: Wrestlers receiving a forfeit must weigh-in for that round. Failure to weigh-in eliminates a wrestler from the tournament and/or further competition.

NOTE 2: The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by weighmaster or designee on this sheet. Proper signatures must be recorded. Contestants may move as per NFHS Rule 4-4-2

4. **WEIGHMASTER**

Same as Group Sectionals

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4. Weighmaster

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

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**

- a. If Friday session postponed- three (3) sessions on Saturday at the discretion of the Site Manager
- b. If Saturday session postponed- same as above for Sunday.—Weigh-In period must begin 2.0 hours before the start of each session as per NJSIAA rule.

E. Team Assignments, Sites and Site Managers
FACILITY FEE

Schools entering their TEAMS in the state tournament must forward a facility fee of \$100.00 made payable to the host school prior to the district seeding meeting.

Schools without a team but have an INDIVIDUAL entering the state tournament must pay a facility fee of \$50.00 made payable to the host school prior to the district seeding meeting.

NOTE: These facility fees are retained by the host schools to offset the expenses relative to the district tournament

The individual entry fee of \$80.00 has been replaced with a \$14.00 per weight class fee. This fee is to be sent to the NJSIAA to help cover the cost of District trophies and medals plus all other expenses for the Regions and States

THE \$100.00 FEE FACILITY TO THE HOST SCHOOLS REMAINS THE SAME

1. **SCHOOL NOT HAVING A VARSITY TEAM IN 2016-2017** Please notify NJSIAA in writing.

2. **KEY-** @- District Site, with Site Manager listed under host school, then other participating schools

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| DISTRICT 1 (9) | DISTRICT 2 (10) | DISTRICT 3 (10) | DISTRICT 4 (10) |
| @Ramapo Mgr. Ron Anello | @Kittatinny Mgr. Chris Carroll | @Don Bosco Mgr. Brian McAleer | @River Dell Mgr. Denis Nelson |
| High Point | Kittatinny | Don Bosco | St. Joseph Reg.-Montvale |
| No. Valley – Old Tappan | Pequannock | Emerson/Park Ridge | River Dell |
| Ridgewood | Jefferson | Pascack Hills | Pompton Lakes |
| Westwood | Northern Highlands | Sparta | Ramsey |
| Newton | Pope John XXII | West Milford | Hawthorne |
| Pascack Valley | New Milford | No. Valley Demarest | Glen Rock |
| North Warren | Wayne Hills | Mahwah | Cresskill |
| Dumont | Butler | Vernon Twp. | Lakeland |
| Ramapo | Kinnelon | Wallkill Valley | Waldwick/Midland Park |
| | Tenaflly | Indian Hills | Manchester Reg. |
| @PASCACK VALLEY 2018 | | | |
| DISTRICT 5 (10) | DISTRICT 6 (10) | DISTRICT 7 (10) | DISTRICT 8 (10) |
| @Lenape Valley Mgr. Bob Poggi | @Fair Lawn Mgr. James Marcella | @Ridgefield Park Mgr. Mike Raimondi | @ Passaic Valley Mgr. Bob Carcich |
| Bergen Catholic | Paramus | Roxbury | Morris Knolls |
| Lenape Valley | Parsippany | DePaul | Wayne Valley |
| Clifton | Hackensack | West Essex | Passaic Valley. |
| Passaic County Tech | Mt. Olive | Cedar Grove | Montville Twp. |
| Hasbrouck Heights | Saddle Brook | Lodi | Garfield |
| Bergenfield | Passaic | Ridgefield Park | Parsippany Hills |
| Morris Hills | Fair Lawn | Mountain Lakes | Boonton |
| Fort Lee | Bogota/Weehawken | JFK Paterson | Teaneck |
| Dover | Leonia | Paramus Catholic | Elmwood Park |
| Eastside (Paterson) | Newark Collegiate Acad. | Dwight Morrow | Hopatcong |
| @BERGEN CATHOLIC 2018 | | @WEST ESSEX 2018 | @HOPATCONG 2018 |
| DISTRICT 9 (9) | DISTRICT 10 (10) | DISTRICT 11 (10) | DISTRICT 12 (10) |
| @Phillipsburg Mgr. Tom Fisher | @Nutley Mgr. Joe Piro | @Morristown Mgr. Smiity Horton | @Livingston Mgr. Dave Cohen |
| Phillipsburg | Delbarton | Hanover Park | Warren Hills |
| Caldwell | Nutley | West Morris Central | North Bergen |
| West Morris Mendham | West Orange | Belvidere | Randolph |
| Hackettstown | Becton | Morristown | Whippany Park |
| Bloomfield | Verona | Belleville | Madison |
| Montclair | Union City | Rutherford | Livingston |
| Lyndhurst/No. Arlington | Orange | Kearny | Chatham |
| Barringer | Columbia | Queen of Peace | Cliffside Park |
| Glen Ridge | East Side | Morris Catholic | Secaucus |
| | Wood-Ridge | East Orange Campus | St. Mary's |
| | @BECTON 2018 | | |
| DISTRICT 13 (9) | DISTRICT 14 (10) | DISTRICT 15 (10) | DISTRICT 16 (10) |
| @ Scotch Plains Mgr. Ryan Miller | @Woodbridge Mgr. Joe Ward | @Westfield Mgr. Sandy Mamary | @Millburn Mgr. Francesco G. Bifulco |
| St. Peter's Prep | So. Plainfield | No. Hunterdon | Voorhees |
| Scotch Plains-Fanwood | Cranford | Roselle Park | Watchung Hills |
| Seton Hall | Governor Livingston | Somerville | Bridgewater-Raritan |
| Linden | Woodbridge | Westfield | JFK - Islen |
| Rahway | Middlesex/Dunellen | Irvington | New Providence |
| Elizabeth | Brearley/Dayton | Ridge | Union |
| A.L. Johnson | North Plainfield | Carteret | Millburn |
| Summit | Bayonne | Bernards | Colonia |
| Plainfield | J.P. Stevens | Metuchen | Newark Academy |
| | Christ the King | Weequahic | Shabazz |
| | @SO. PLAINFIELD 2018 | | |

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| DISTRICT 17 (9) | DISTRICT 18 (10) | DISTRICT 19 (10) | DISTRICT 20 (9) |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| @Hillsborough Mgr. Mike Fanizzi | @Red Bank Reg. Mgr. Del Dal Pra | @Old Bridge Mgr. Dan DiMino | @So. Brunswick Mgr. Elaine McGrath |
| Hunterdon Central | Bound Brook | Delaware Valley | Raritan |
| Hillsborough | Hopewell Valley | Old Bridge | Monroe |
| Middletown North | East Brunswick | Edison | South Brunswick |
| Middletown South | Montgomery | Saint John Vianney | Bishop Ahr |
| Franklin | Manville | Sayreville | Matawan |
| Keansburg | Piscataway | Marlboro | Perth Amboy |
| South River | Red Bank Reg. | Princeton | Holmdel |
| Spotswood | Keyport/Henry Hudson | Pingry | New Brunswick |
| WWP-South | No. Brunswick Twp. | Rumson Fair Haven | Highland Park |
| | Rutgers Prep. | WWP-N | |
| @MIDDLETOWN SO. 2018 | | @DEL VAL. 2018 | |
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| DISTRICT 21 (9) | DISTRICT 22 (10) | DISTRICT 23 (10) | DISTRICT 24 (10) |
| @Manalapan Mgr. John Hein | @Howell Mgr. Pete Meehan | @Wall Mgr. Gary Cittadino | @ Freehold Twp. Mgr. Adam Brusotti |
| Brick Memorial | Howell | Long Branch | CBA. |
| Pt. Pleasant Boro | Jackson Liberty | Wall | Ocean Twp. |
| Manalapan | No. Burlington | Delran | Freehold Twp. |
| Colts Neck | Allentown | Pt. Pleasant Beach | Hamilton North |
| Bordentown/Florence | Robbinsville | Hightstown | Shore Reg. |
| Burlington City | Neptune | Hamilton East | Red Bank Catholic |
| Burlington Twp. | Lawrence | Freehold Boro | Monmouth Reg. |
| New Egypt | Ewing | Lakewood | Notre Dame |
| Trenton Central | Riverside | Manasquan | Hamilton West |
| | Saint Rose | Asbury Park | Willingboro |
| | | @LONG BRANCH 2018 | |
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| DISTRICT 25 (9) | DISTRICT 26 (10) | DISTRICT 27 (10) | DISTRICT 28 (10) |
| @Holy Cross Mgr. Doc Dockery | @Rowan at Gloucester CC Mgr. Steve Anuszewski | @Rancocas Valley Mgr. Tony Lotierzo | @Collingswood Mgr. Ron Hamrick |
| Jackson Memorial | Paulsboro | Brick Twp. | Toms River South |
| Cherokee | Cinnaminson | West Deptford | Collingswood |
| Camden Catholic | Cherry Hill West | Haddonfield Mem.. | Shawnee |
| Seneca | Eastern | Haddon Twp. | Toms River North |
| Moorestown | Pennsauken | Lacey | Lenape |
| Audubon | Toms River East. | Rancocas Valley | Paul VI |
| Holy Cross | Manchester Twp. | Central Regional | Pemberton |
| Sterling | BCIT - Westampton | Cherry Hill East | Gloucester City |
| Haddon Heights | Triton | Lindenwold | Maple Shade |
| | Donovan Catholic | Camden/Woodrow Wilson | Palmyra |
| @CHEROKEE 2018 | | @LACEY 2018 | |
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| DISTRICT 29 (9) | DISTRICT 30 (10) | DISTRICT 31 (10) | DISTRICT 32 (10) |
| @So. Regional Mgr. Chuck Donohue | @Clearview Mgr. Mike Vicente | @Delsea Mgr. Ken Schoudt. | @Williamstown Mgr. Ron Becker |
| So. Regional | Clearview | Delsea | St. Augustine Prep. |
| Woodstown | Egg Harbor | Highland Reg. | Buena Reg. |
| Kingsway | Millville | Timber Creek | Clayton/Glassboro |
| Washington Twp. | Gateway/Woodbury | Absegami | Hammonton |
| Ocean City | Vineland | Pennsville Mem. | Winslow |
| Cedar Creek | Penns Grove | Mainland Reg. | Williamstown |
| Schalick | Lower Cape May | Pitman | Oakcrest |
| Holy Spirit | Middle Township | Pinelands Reg. | Barnegat |
| Atlantic City | Deptford | Overbrook | Cumberland Reg. |
| | Salem | Gloucester Catholic | St. Joseph - Hammonton |
| @KINGSGWAY 2018 | @MILLVILLE 2018 | @ABSEGAMI 2018 | |

F. DISTRICT/REGION REALIGNMENT

DISTRICTS

Starting 2017 realignment will occur every (2) two years with the new alignment ready for presentation to the Wrestling Rules Committee for review in the Spring

a. **REALIGNMENT PROCESS**

1. Take the number of schools offering a wrestling program and divide by 8 (number of regions) 2017; 286 public, 30 non-public = 316, leaving 39 per region paying attention to co-op schools where the biggest changes occur from year to year
2. Establish regional teams using the northing numbers as a framework, listing publics then non-publics separately. Go north to south for public schools and south to north for non-publics schools
Regions 1 and 2: 36 public plus 3 non-public = 39; Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8: 35 publics plus 4 non-public = 39
3. React to the change in powers over the years and move ranked public schools to achieve more regional balance, if necessary. Use the five-year power point average to find top 32 teams. Target average is 4 per region. Starting in region 1, move the closest ranked public school by northing number so adjacent regions are within one of each other and no more than one above or below the target average.
4. Equalize district strength by “snaking” all teams in each region from highest to lowest. Use the five-year average of power points on a 10 row, 4 column table which represents the 4 districts per region moving from left to right on row 1, right to left on row 2 and continue back and forth.
5. A statewide committee selects a district host from each of the 4 columns per region, based on requests submitted during that cycle. District sites are encouraged to consider travel when setting days and times for the district tournament.

G. **Qualifying Criteria**

1. **DISTRICT WEIGH-IN AND ADMISSION FORM** A wrestler is permitted to wrestle in any weight class (**within NFHS & NJSIAA Rules**), providing their name appears as a contestant or alternate at any weight class on the properly signed Trackwrestling Official Weigh-In Form. This form is to be given to the Site Manager at the District Seed.
2. Every wrestler, at every level, must have only one (1) Individual Match Summary Form that shows all appearances by that wrestler, at all levels, where that wrestler represented the school in any-match (i.e. weight, weight class, level, W/L, etc.)
NOTE: No wrestler (at any level) is allowed to wrestle more than thirty (30) matches before the NJSIAA team championships begin on the week of February 5, 2017
3. **MUST FOLLOW DESCENT PLAN** The individual’s descent plan must allow participation at the chosen weight class.
4. **DECLARING WEIGHT CLASS** A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period.
5. **QUESTIONS** Any doubt as to a wrestler’s qualifications for the tournament, the Site Manager should contact the Central Office of the NJSIAA at 609-259-2776.

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H. Seeding

1. **PHILOSOPHY** Seeding should reduce the possibility of having the two best wrestlers meet in the early rounds. Theoretically, they should meet in the final, after having the four best wrestlers meet in the semifinals. The quality of wrestling should improve as the tournament advances.
2. **ETHICS** Highest ethics should prevail. Attempts to place an “unproven” wrestler in an advantageous position in order to gain additional team points, or to reduce a “stronger” team’s chance of attaining more team points are looked upon as self-serving. Using the seeding meeting to determine where you are going to wrestle your student/athletes causing a re-seeding the day of the tournament is another practice that must be discouraged.
3. **GROUND RULES FOR THE SEEDING MEETING**
 - a. Site Manager will serve or appoint a Seeding Chairperson, who is NOT an active high school coach, to run the meeting, and to only vote in the case of a tie.
 - b. The Varsity Head Wrestling coach and one designee may take part in the seeding discussions but only Head Coach votes. Every school must vote (no abstentions)
NOTE: All districts must use the NJSIAA sponsored computerized program, trackwrestling.com for the seeding meeting throughout the tournament
4. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING** All District seeding meetings must be held the Wednesday of District week. Coaches must be made aware of the time and location.
5. **PRE-SEEDING FOR THE DISTRICTS- MANDATORY for the 2016-2017 Season**
 - a. Wrestlers will be pre-seeded by Trackwrestling based on their best **twenty (20) in-state** matches based on the Pre-seed Chart for District and Regions.
NOTE: Trackwrestling does all the calculations automatically when match results are recorded on Trackwrestling and a current listing of points will be available online as the season progresses
 - b. The Pre-seed will be a combination of the following:
 1. **Prestige Points**- Points a wrestler starts the season with, by virtue of the best past performance in a previous State Tournament. These points will be displayed on Trackwrestling so possible Quality points can be determined by opponents.
NOTE: Use same advancement criteria as stated in the state tournament criteria- i.e., replacement wrestler does not have to win in tournament in order get credit for seeding next year

2. **Quality Points** points for competition earned for wins and some close losses (by a decision) during the current season. Points are calculated for the best twenty (20) matches. New Jersey uses the PreSeed Chart for District for out of state competition. A win will earn two (2) points regardless of state or quality of varsity competition

NOTE 1: The individual match record will show how many points are earned or lost for each match throughout the year

NOTE 2: A single pin point will also be added when a match ends in a fall. (not for md, tf, dq or ff) and a single point will be deducted for each loss to a non-regional competitor from a previous tournament

NOTE 3. Any forfeit win counts for 2 points though no extra pin points

6. **PROCEDURES PRIOR TO THE SEEDING MEETING**

- a. Coaches **MUST** enter their wrestlers for the Districts via the Trackwrestling program by 8:00 PM on the **Monday** of District week. This will allow Trackwrestling to calculate the Pre-Seeds, and head-to-head and data per weight class.

NOTE: Coaches will not have to print a copy of all of their individual match summaries for all of the other coaches in the district

- b. The District Site Manager will receive an access code from Trackwrestling and will be responsible for printing out a set of 14 sheets (each weight) for every team entered. This one (1) page per weight class print-out will be a list of wrestlers with their total **Pre-Seed** points listed (from highest to lowest) and will include the wrestler's record and grade and will list all head-to-head matches between any contestants in this weight class during this year and will be given out at the start of the seeding meeting.

NOTE: Any tie in the pre-seed points will be broken by (in order) 1- head-to-head, 2-common opponents (w vs l) then 3-best win(s) on a vote of the head coaches

- e. **Wild Card** Any voting coach is permitted to use a wild card(s) for any wrestler to move up higher on the Pre-Seed list because of injury, academically ineligible, transfers or other unforeseen condition. That coach will have 2 minutes to discuss that wrestler and by coach's vote will be placed in their appropriate Pre-Seed spot.

NOTE 1: Wild Card required for wrestler wrestling two weight classes over wrestler's lowest weight class wrestled (this Wild Card extends into the Regions if wrestler qualifies)

NOTE 2: Coaches should be careful not to abuse the wildcard as it could lead to endless, time consuming debates

- f. **Movement after the Pre-seed will only be by Head-to-Head results.**
- g. Seeding will be in accordance with the region and state tournament seeding guidelines below:

8. FINAL SEED for the Districts

1. HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION THIS SEASON.
2. 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.
3. 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
4. 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.

9. UNFAIR SEEDS

Where it can be substantiated that an unfair seed has occurred, the tournament director must email the NJSIAA Tournament Director to have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee within 24 hours of the seeding meeting with this committee's ruling final.

I. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. DEFINITIONS

- 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" replacement or alternate (see Qualifying Criteria) a re-seed must occur.
- b. **Forfeiture**- Occurs after initial weigh-in period and subsequent reseeding meeting is over. If a wrestler successfully weighs in and subsequently does not appear on the mat to wrestle, a forfeit will be declared. Any forfeiture for not appearing on the mat eliminates that wrestler from the tournament unless as provided for in **NFHS Rule 10-2-5**. Failure to provide the Tournament Committee with an acceptable reason for default or forfeit could result in Executive Committee action. In other words, coaches are cautioned against the practice of "pulling" a wrestler out of the tournament because of a "sure" loss or pin possibility.

- c. Ineligible Wrestler- Participation by an ineligible wrestler in any match during the regular season results in forfeiture of said individual match.-The team score must be recalculated.
- 2. **RE-SEEDING** Follow same rules as used in seeding meeting but any replacement will be nominated, discussed and voted to any seed. All other wrestlers in that weight class will remain in seeded order, moving up or down to accommodate the replacement. This re-seeding must occur prior to the start of the first session.

I. Officials and Match Information

- 1. **OFFICIALS** Are assigned by Vinnie Russo, (cell) 973 865 6254, (work) 973 228 4224, email refvr@yahoo.com with two (2) officials per mat, one official assigned as weighmaster. Officials will be confirmed by host site no later than Monday, February 6, 2017.
- 2. **MATCH LENGTH**
Same as Group Sectionals
See page 7
- 3. **MATCH START** All matches, except finals, will follow regular match order: 108 through 287. Finals will be wrestled following a random draw which will take place prior to the weigh-ins Saturday when all coaches and wrestlers are present at the designated weigh-in time.
- 4. **EXHIBITION MATCHES** are not permitted.

N. Officials and Meets
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J. Ticket and Admission Information

- 1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS**
 - a. Wrestlers- Must be listed on the District Weigh-in and Admission Form
- 2. **TICKET PRICES** To be determined by host site

K. Awards and Team Scoring

- 1. **NJSIAA AWARDS** A trophy to the Team Champion in each District, and medals to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each weight class will be given out.
 - a. Awarding medals and trophies should be handled in such a manner as to give true significance and recognition.
 - b. Flagrantly disqualified wrestlers will NOT receive any award or points.
- 2. **NJ COACHES ASSOCIATION (NJCWA) AWARDS** NJCWA District Reps and the Assistant Rep for each district will be selected by the coaches in that district every two years. More information available at njsiaa.org, wrestling, under the NWCA link. Their primary duty will be to represent their district at the region seed and to carry out the duties assigned by the Region President of the NJCWA. The process of tabulating the ballots should be done or overseen by at least two members of this organization at both the District and Region sites. The Association Awards at the Districts are:
 - a. Most Outstanding Wrestler Award
 - b. District Coach of the Year
 - c. District Assistant Coach of the Year

3. **RECOMMENDED DRESS CODE FOR COACHES** It is highly recommended by this organization that when coaching at all events, especially at the State Team tournaments, Districts, Regions and State Championship that the coaching staff dress in a way that will make our association appear more professional. A suit, or slacks, a collared shirt, proper shoes or sneakers will make for a better presentation of our wrestling coaches. Please refrain from wearing work boots, sweat pants, shorts, jeans, t-shirts and the like as they do not represent us well in the eyes of the public.
4. **TEAM SCORING-** To determine Team Champion- Points kept in accordance with procedures in the **NFHS Rule 9**, Tournament Scoring, including points, byes and advancement using a 16-man bracket.
 - a. No team points are awarded for:
 1. Use of an ineligible wrestler- no team points for opponents that were defeated.
 2. Disqualified wrestler for flagrant misconduct.
 - b. All Districts are seeded using a sixteen (16) person bracket, therefore, Advancement Points will be awarded to all quarterfinalists (round of 8)
NOTE: By rule, a bye can only happen in the first round (round of 16) of any tournament. A bye is not the same as a forfeit. If there are not enough wrestlers to complete the round of 8, then the top seed receives a forfeit victory if they weigh-in in proper uniform, ready to wrestle (forfeit will count as a win for that individual) and have their hand raised to receive all advancement and pin points

Policies & Procedures for Tournaments

Same as Group Sectionals

See Pages 9, 10 and 11

POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENTS