

**2013-2014 NJSIAA/*THE STAR LEDGER*
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
REGULATIONS**

DISTRICTS

DISTRICT SEEDING

All District seeding meetings **MUST** be held no earlier than the
Wednesday of District week

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Friday - February **21**
Saturday - February **22**

Throughout the entire season, scores MUST be entered following each match into NWCA OPC PROGRAM. Results, schedules and rosters will be sent automatically from NWCA to njschoolsports.com. Please check njschoolsports.com periodically to make sure all your information is there.

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FOR 2013-2014
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**2013-2014 NFHS WRESTLING RULES
CHANGES ARE LOCATED IN THE 2013-
2014 NFHS WRESTLING RULES BOOK**

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 with 8-11 teams of close proximity in each District. 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 21 and February 22 – PLEASE NOTE – SCHOOLS HAVE THE OPTION OF RUNNING A ONE DAY DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.
 - a. Friday, February 21, 2014, preliminary (if needed) and quarterfinal rounds
 - b. Saturday, February 22, 2014, semifinal and final rounds.
 1. **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. May begin one (1) hour before but not more than two hours before the start of each session, at the discretion of the Site Manager.
 - 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. Weigh-ins will begin at 106 lb. and conclude immediately following the 285 lb. weight class.
 - e. Wrestlers will weigh-in in seeded order, top seed first.
 - f. 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.
 - g. 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.

- h. 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.

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

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

4. **WEIGHMASTER**- An assigned official will check each wrestler for weight, proper hair grooming, facial hair and fingernail length. Before being permitted to wrestle, any wrestler judged not fit to wrestle, must present the NJSIAA form, signed by a physician that an exam took place pertaining to that condition, within the last seven (7) days, clearing that contestant for competition.

D. 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 (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. 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 as per 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

\$80.00 ENTRY FEE DUE TO NJSIAA BY FEBRUARY 14

The \$80.00 entry fee covers cost of District trophies and medals plus all other expenses for the Regions and Atlantic City.

1. **SCHOOL NOT HAVING A VARSITY TEAM IN 2014**- Please notify NJSIAA in writing.

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

DISTRICT 1 (8)	DISTRICT 2 (9)	DISTRICT 3 (8)	DISTRICT 4 (9)
@ Phillipsburg Mgr. Tom Fisher	@ Hopatcong Mgr. Tom Vara	@ Kittatinny Mgr. Chris Carroll	@ West Milford Mgr. Joe Trentacosta
Belvidere	Dover	High Point	Butler
Hackettstown	Lenape Valley	Jefferson Twp.	DePaul
Mt. Olive	Montville	Newton	Kinnelon
North Warren	Morris Catholic	Pope John XXIII	Lakeland
Warren Hills	Morris Hills	Sparta	Pequannock
West Morris (Central)	Morris Knolls	Vernon	Pompton Lakes
West Morris (Mendham)	Randolph	Wallkill Valley	Wayne Hills
	Roxbury		Wayne Valley
Note: Warren Hills, Phillipsburg & Mt. Olive rotate each year	Note: Randolph and Hopatcong rotate each year		
DISTRICT 5 (9)	DISTRICT 6 (9)	DISTRICT 7 (8)	DISTRICT 8 (9)
@ Don Bosco Mgr. Brian McAleer	@ Fair Lawn Mgr. James Marcella	@ Leonia/Palisades Park Mgr. Steve Perrota	@ River Dell Mgr. Denis Nelson
Indian Hills	Elmwood Park	Bergen Catholic	Cresskill
Mahwah	Garfield	Bergenfield	Emerson/Park Ridge
Manchester Reg.	Hawthorne	Bogota/Weehawken	No. Valley (Demarest)
No. Highlands	Lodi	Dumont	No. Valley (Old Tappan)
Paramus	Paramus Catholic	Hackensack	Pascack Hills
Ramapo	Ridgewood	New Milford	Pascack Valley
Ramsey	Glen Rock/Saddle Brook	Tenafly	St. Joseph (Montvale)
Waldwick/Midland Park	Teaneck		Westwood
DISTRICT 9 (9)	DISTRICT 10 (10)	DISTRICT 11 (9)	DISTRICT 12 (10)
@ Morristown Mgr. Kathy Perri	@ Millburn Mgr. Bill Miron	@ Westfield Mgr. Sandra Mamary	@ So. Plainfield Mgr. Al Czech
Boonton	Barringer	Brearley/Dayton	Colonia
Delbarton	Chatham	Cranford	Gov. Livingston
Hanover Park	Columbia	Elizabeth	A.L. Johnson
Mountain Lakes	Irvington	Linden	Middlesex/Dunellen
Parsippany	Madison	Central High (Newark)	New Providence
Parsippany Hills	Roselle Park	Rahway	No. Plainfield
Weequahic	Seton Hall	Scotch Plains-Fanwood	Plainfield
Whippany Park	Summit	Shabazz	Rutgers Prep.
	Union High		Watchung Hills
DISTRICT 13 (10)	DISTRICT 14 (8)	DISTRICT 15 (11)	DISTRICT 16 (10)
@ West Essex Mgr. Damion Macioci	@ Livingston Mgr. Pat Genova	@ Becton.Wallington Mgr. Jim Bononno	@ North Bergen Mgr. Jerry Maietta
Caldwell	Belleville	Clifton	Bayonne
East Orange Campus	Bloomfield	Eastside (Paterson)	Cliffside Park
Cedar Grove	East Side (Newark)	Hasbrouck Hght/Wood-Ridge	Fort Lee
Glen Ridge	Montclair	Lyndhurst/No. Arlington	Hudson Catholic
J.F. Kennedy (Paterson)	Newark Academy	Passaic	Kearny
Orange	Nutley	Passaic Co. Vo/Tech	St. Mary's (Rutherford)
Passaic Valley	West Side (Newark)	Ridgefield Park	St. Peter's Prep (Jersey City)
Verona		Rutherford	Secaucus
West Orange		Queen of Peace	Union City

DISTRICT 17 (9)	DISTRICT 18 (10)	DISTRICT 19 (10)	DISTRICT 20 (11)
@ Hunterdon Central	@ Hillsborough	@ Woodbridge	@ South Brunswick
Mgr. Bob Rossi	Mgr. Mike Fanizzi	Mgr. Joe Ward	Mgr. Elaine McGrath
Delaware Valley	Bernards	Bishop Ahr	East Brunswick
Ewing	Bound Brook	Carteret	Monroe
Hopewell Valley	Bridgewater-Raritan	Edison	New Brunswick
Lawrence	Franklin	Highland Park	North Brunswick
No. Hunterdon	Manville	J.F. Kennedy (Islen)	Old Bridge
Notre Dame	Montgomery	Metuchen	Sayreville
Princeton	Pingry School	Perth Amboy	South River
Voorhees	Ridge	Piscataway	Spotswood
	Somerville	J.P. Stevens	WWP-North
			WWP-South
			Note: East Brunswick and South Brunswick rotate each year
DISTRICT 21 (11)	DISTRICT 22 (11)	DISTRICT 23 (11)	DISTRICT 24 (11)
@ Manalapan	@ Red Bank Reg.	@ Brick Memorial	@ Pine Belt Arena
Mgr. Phillip Ricci	Mgr. Del Dal Pra	Mgr. Bill Bruno	Mgr. Brian Cerbone
Colts Neck	Christian Brothers	Asbury Park	Barneget
Freehold Boro	Keansburg	Brick Twp.	Central Regional
Freehold Twp.	Keyport/Henry Hudson	Manasquan	Lacey
Holmdel	Long Branch	Monmouth Reg.	Lakewood
Howell	Middletown North	Neptune	Manchester Twp.
Jackson Memorial	Middletown South	Pt. Pleasant Beach	Msgr. Donovan
Jackson Liberty	Ocean Twp.	Pt. Pleasant Boro	Pinelands
Marlboro	Raritan	St. Rose	Southern Reg.
Matawan	Red Bank Catholic	Shore Regional	Toms River East
St. John Vianney	Rumson-Fair Haven	Wall	Toms River North
			Toms River South
DISTRICT 25 (11)	DISTRICT 26 (11)	DISTRICT 27 (10)	DISTRICT 28 (9)
@ No. Burlington	@ Holy Cross	@ Cherokee	@ Collingswood
Mgr. Daniel Uszaki	Mgr. Dan Dockery	Mgr. Scott Agnew	Mgr. Ron Hamrick
Allentown	Bordentown	Bishop Eustace	Audubon
Hamilton East	Burlington City	Camden Catholic	Camden
Hamilton North	BCIT (Westhampton)	Cherry Hill East	Haddonfield
Hamilton West	Burlington Twp.	Cherry Hill West	Haddon Heights
Hightstown	Cinnaminson	Lenape High	Haddon Twp.
New Egypt	Delran	Maple Shade	Paul VI
Pemberton	Eastern	Palmyra	Pennsauken
Rancocas Valley	Moorestown	Seneca	Sterling
Robbinsville	Riverside	Shawnee	
Trenton Central	Willingboro		
DISTRICT 29 (9)	DISTRICT 30 (10)	DISTRICT 31 (9)	DISTRICT 32 (12)
@ Gloucester Co. College	@ Overbrook	@ Delsea	@ Absegami
Mgr. Steve Anuszewski	Mgr. Gary McGaurn	Mgr. Steve Iles	Mgr. Steve Fortis
Clayton/Glassboro	Hammonton	Cumberland	Atlantic City
Clearview	Highland Reg.	Kingsway	Buena
Deptford	Lindenwold	Millville	Cedar Creek
Gateway/Woodbury	St. Joseph (Hammonton)	Penns Grove	Egg Harbor
Gloucester Catholic	Timber Creek	Pennsville	Holy Spirit
Gloucester Jr./Sr.	Triton	Schalick	Lower Cape May
Paulsboro	Washington Twp.	Vineland	Mainland
Pitman	Williamstown	Woodstown	Middle Twp.
West Deptford	Winslow Twp.		Oakcrest
			Ocean City
			St. Augustine Prep

DISTRICTS

F. District Realignment Program

- a. Will be considered for the Districts of 2015, 2020, 2025, etc.
- b. A 30 person committee consisting of NJWCA President (chair) and Vice President, State Ranking Chairman, eight (8) Region Presidents, **8 Region Ranking Chairs** eight (8) additional Region Administrators who are not serving as Region Presidents or from the same wrestling district as the Region Presidents, **Tournament Director, Seeding Chairman and Wrestling Chairman**
- c. Proposal to be submitted by August 1st prior to the years listed above to the NJSIAA Wrestling Committee for consideration
- d. Consideration must be given to even distribution of schools, geographic location, balance of the strength of programs, and the wishes of ‘sister’ schools competing together

G. Qualifying Criteria

YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE SEEDED IN THE DISTRICT WRESTLING TOURNAMENT UNLESS A TOURNAMENT REFUSAL FORM IS RECEIVED BY JAN 27, 2014

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 **Official Weigh-In Form**. This form is to be given to the Site Manager at the District Seed.
2. **FORM - Every wrestler, at every level, must have only one (1) Individual Bout 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) bouts before the NJSIAA team championships begin on the week of February 10, 2014

1. **MUST FOLLOW DESCENT PLAN- The Individual’s descent plan must allow participation at the chosen weight class.**
2. **DECLARING WEIGHT CLASS** A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period.
3. **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.

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. Only the Varsity Head Wrestling coach or the school's designated representative may take part in the seeding discussions and voting. Every school must vote (no abstentions)

NOTE: All districts must use the NJSIAA sponsored computerized system nwcaonline.com for wrestling from the seeding meeting throughout the tournament
4. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING-** All District seeding meetings **MUST be held no earlier than** the Wednesday of District week. Coaches must be made aware of the date, time and location.
5. **PRE-SEEDING FOR THE DISTRICTS- MANDATORY for the 2013-2014 Season**
- a. Wrestlers will be pre-seeded by the Optimum Performance Calculator (OPC), based on their best **twenty (20) in-state** matches based on the chart below.

NOTE: The OPC does all the calculations automatically when match results are recorded on the OPC 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 the OPC 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 must win for participation to be considered better than qualifying, while others placed by minimum advancement, if out.*
 2. **Quality Points**- points for competition earned for wins and some close loses (by a decision) during the current season. Points are calculated for the best twenty (20) matches. New Jersey uses the **Pre-Seed Chart for District** for out of state competition. A win will earn two (2) points regardless of state or level of 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 OPC program by 8:00 PM on the **Monday** of District week. This will allow the OPC 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 bout summaries for all of the other coaches in the district anymore, saving time and money.

- b. The District Site Manager will receive an access code from the OPC 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 bouts 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.

Pre-Seed Points- Calculation: _____ + _____ = _____
Prestige Pts. Quality Pts. Pre-Seed Pts.

See chart below **Pre-Seed Chart for Districts and Regions**

<i>Past year</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>		<i>Current year</i>	
Prestige Points Own Merit- (QualityPts x 2)	Furthest Advancement	Quality Points	Beat a Participant- (=Quality Pts)	Lost by Decision- (20% QualityPts)
80	State Champ	40	40	8.0
76	2nd in States	38	38	7.6
72	3rd in States	36	36	7.2
68	4th in States	34	34	6.8
64	5th in States	32	32	6.4
60	6th in States	30	30	6.0
56	7th in States	28	28	5.6
52	8th in States	26	26	5.2
48	WB3 in States	24	24	4.8
44	WB2 in States	22	22	4.4
40	WB1 in States	20	20	4.0
32	4th in Region	16	16	3.6
28	WB2 in Regions	14	14	3.4
24	WB1 in Regions	12	12	3.2
20	2v3 in Regions	10	10	3.0
12	4th in Districts	6	6	-1.0
8	Quarters in Districts	4	4	-1.0
4	Prelim in Districts	2	2	-1.0
0	Never in Districts	2	2	-1.0

7. PROCEDURES AT THE SEEDING MEETING

- a. Coaches must hand-in a completed NWCA generated **Individual Match Summary Form** for all of their wrestlers participating in the tournament, at the **START** of the seeding meeting to the District Site manager.
- b. All wrestlers will be seeded and their names placed on a traditional **16-wrestler bracket** with no wrestler seeded in more than one (1) weight class.
- c. Only individual varsity bouts wrestled this season count towards seeding, with the winning of any previous titles made known to all.
- d. An open or closed vote of all voting coaches is taken, and is final and all discussions on that wrestler shall cease and shall not be reconsidered.
 Coach’s late arrival is **NOT** grounds to re-seed.
- 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, 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.

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

2. **NOTE: 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 inserted below:

8. **FINAL SEED for the Districts and Regions (Step #2 for the States)**

- 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.
2. **RE-SEEDING-** 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.

J. 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 10, 2014.**
2. **BOUT LENGTH**- Same as Group Sectional Tournament.
3. **BOUT START**- All bouts, except finals, will follow regular bout order: 106 through 285. 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 BOUTS**- are not permitted.

K. Ticket and Admission Information

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS**
 - a. Wrestlers- Must be listed on the District Weigh-in and Admission Form
2. **TICKET PRICES**- TBA

L. 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.
2. **NJ COACHES ASSOCIATION (NJWCA) AWARDS**- NJWCA District Reps and the Assistant Rep for each district will be selected by the coaches in that district. 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 NJWCA. 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
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 Championships, 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

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) **Unsportsmanlike Conduct begins when the official appears at the site.**
 - 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 then report to the mat center 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 (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/CONTESTANTS 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 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
 5. **RULES/PROTESTS**- National Federation Wrestling Rules with NJSIAA modifications will govern all matches. Protests based upon an official’s judgment, or misinterpretation or misapplication of the wrestling rules will NOT be honored as per NJSIAA **Constitution and Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1.**
 6. **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 the District/Region will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school’s policy as in effect during the regular season. The athletic emergency procedure of the host school will be in effect during the tournaments. The Site Manager will set up a line a 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
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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 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 **2013-2014** season **TeamIP** 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**

1. The NJSIAA has granted to The Star-Ledger and NJ.com 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, 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 The Star-Ledger and NJ.com, as applicable, by the NJSIAA or the applicable member school. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com shall have the right to enter into license arrangements with such third parties.
3. The Star-Ledger and NJ.com may create NJSIAA programming for distribution over media outlets owned or controlled by Advance Publications.
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

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TOURNAMENT REFUSAL FORM
2014 NJSIAA INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

NAME OF SCHOOL

DISTRICT _____

REGION _____

(Consult the wrestling classification memorandum for **2013-2014** before checking proper blank)

WE DO NOT INTEND TO ENTER

Stamped signatures will not be accepted

Principal's Signature

Athletic Director's Signature

Coaches Signature

FAX TO NJSIAA ON OR BEFORE JAN. 27, 2014
609 259 3047 – NO COVER SHEET PLEASE

**IF THIS FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY JAN. 27 YOU ARE ELIGIBLE
TO BE SEEDED BY THE WRESTLING COMMITTEE**

**This form is only to be submitted if your school does not intend to enter
the NJSIAA 2014 wrestling individual tournament**