

**2011-2012 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**

DISTRICTS

**Friday - February 17
Saturday - February 18**

PLEASE NOTE

Throughout the entire season, scores **MUST** be reported following each tournament, to www.njschoolsports.com.
If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com

PLEASE NOTE

ONLY **DUAL MEET TEAM SCORES** MUST BE

REPORTED

NOT INDIVIDUAL SCORES

ALL NFHS WRESTLING RULES CHANGES LOCATED IN
NFHS WRESTLING RULE BOOK

DISTRICTS

CHANGES/ADDITIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

****NEW FOR THIS YEAR****

SEEDING

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H. SEEDING

Numbers 1 through 8 have been changed for this year.

District CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Description- A two (2) day, 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-**
 - a. Friday, February 17, 2012, preliminary (if needed) and quarterfinal rounds
 - b. Saturday, February 18, 2012, 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 for starting bout followed in order for the final matches only. Starts at 106 through 285 until finals which becomes a random draw which will be drawn at last weigh-in.

C. Weigh-In Procedures

1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE-** Original Weight Class- 106 Friday- 108 For Saturday- 109
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 RULE 4-4-3 OF THE NFHS WRESTLING RULES.
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. This official will also rule on skin infections, contagious diseases, and the like and may consult with certified medical personnel. 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

1. **SCHOOLS NOT ASSIGNED**- Principals must forward written request to NJSIAA to enter.
2. **SCHOOLS WITHOUT A TEAM, BUT HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL THAT WANTS TO ENTER THE STATE TOURNAMENT**- School must complete **Statement of Intent to Enter** due to the NJSIAA by **January 9, 2012**, pay entry fee of \$80.00 and abide by the **NJSIAA Constitution and Bylaws**.
3. **SCHOOL NOT HAVING A VARSITY TEAM IN 2012**- Please notify NJSIAA in writing.
4. **KEY**- @ - District Site, with Site Manager listed under host school, then other participating schools.

<i>District 1 (8)</i>	<i>District 2 (9)</i>	<i>District 3 (8)</i>	<i>District 4 (9)</i>
@ Mt. Olive Mgr- Dave Fanelli Belvidere Hackettstown North Warren Phillipsburg Warren Hills West Morris (Central) West Morris (Mendham) <i>Note-Warren Hills, Phillipsburg and Mt Olive rotate each year</i>	@ Hopatcong Mgr- Mr. Tom Vara Dover Lenape Valley Montville Morris Catholic Morris Hills Morris Knolls Randolph Roxbury	@ Kittatiny Mgr- Mr. Chris Carroll High Point Reg. Jefferson Twp Newton Pope John XXIII Sparta Vernon Walkkill Valley	@ West Milford Mgr-Mr. Tim Gillen Butler DePaul Kinnelon Lakeland Reg. Pequannock Pompton Lakes Wayne Hills Wayne Valley
<i>District 5 (9)</i>	<i>District 6 (9)</i>	<i>District 7 (8)</i>	<i>District 8 (9)</i>
@ Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey) Mgr.- Mr. Brian McAleer Indian Hills Mahwah Manchester Reg. No. Highlands Paramus Ramapo Ramsey Waldwick/Midland Park	@ Fair Lawn Mgr.- Mr. Cory Robinson Elmwood Park Memorial Garfield Hawthorne Lodi Paramus Catholic Ridgewood Saddle Brook/Glen Rock Teaneck	@ Leonia/Palisades Park Mgr.- Mr. Steve Perrota Bergen Catholic Bergenfield Bogota/Weehawke n Dumont Hackensack New Milford Tenafly	@ River Dell Mgr.- Mr. Denis Nelson Cresskill Emerson/Park Ridge No. Valley (Demarest) No. Valley (Old Tappan) Pascack Hills Pascack Valley St. Joseph (Montvale) Westwood
<i>District 9 (9)</i>	<i>District 10 (10)</i>	<i>District 11 (9)</i>	<i>District 12 (9)</i>
@ Morristown Mgr.- Ms. Kathy Perri Boonton Delbarton Hanover Park Mountain Lakes Parsippany Parsippany Hills Weequahic Whippany Park	@ Millburn Mgr.- Mr. Bill Miron Barringer Chatham Columbia Irvington Madison Roselle Park Seton Hall Summit Union High	@ Westfield Mgr.- Ms. Sandra Mamary Brearley/Dayton Cranford Elizabeth Linden Central High (Newark) Rahway Scotch Plains- Fanwood Shabazz	@ South Plainfield Mgr.- Mr. Al Czech Colonia Gov. Livingston A.L. Johnson Middlesex/Dunellen New Providence North Plainfield Plainfield Watchung Hills

District 13 10	District 14 (9)	District 15 (10)	District 16 (10)
West Essex (No Caldwell) Mgr.- Mr. Damion Maciocci Caldwell East Orange Cedar Grove Glen Ridge J.F. Kennedy (Paterson) Orange Passaic Valley Verona West Orange	@ Livingston Mgr.- Mr. Pat Genova Belleville Bloomfield East Side (Newark) Montclair Kimberley Acad Montclair Newark Academy Nutley West Side (Newark)	@ Becton/Wallington Mgr.- Mr. Jim Bononno Clifton Eastside (Paterson) Hasbrouck Hght/Wood-Ridge Lyndhurst/North Arlington Passaic Passaic Co. V/T Ridgefield Park Rutherford Queen of Peace	@ North Bergen Mgr.- Mr. Jerry Maietta Bayonne Cliffside Park Fort Lee Hudson Catholic Kearny St. Mary's (Rutherford) St. Peter's (Jersey City) Secaucus Union City
District 17 (9)	District 18 (10)	District 19 (10)	District 20 (11)
@ Hunterdon Central Mgr.- Mr. Bob Rossi Delaware Valley Ewing Hopewell Valley Lawrence No. Hunterdon Notre Dame Princeton Voorhees	@ Hillsborough Mgr.- Mr. Mike Fanizzi Bernards Bound Brook Bridgewater-Raritan Franklin Manville Montgomery Pingry School Ridge Somerville	@ Woodbridge Mgr.- Mr. Joe Ward Bishop Ahr Carteret Edison Highland Park J.F. Kennedy (Iselin) Metuchen Perth Amboy Piscataway J.P. Stevens	@ South Brunswick Mgr.- Ms. Elaine McGrath East Brunswick Monroe Twp New Brunswick North Brunswick Old Bridge Sayreville South River Spotswood West Windsor-Plainsboro North West Windsor-Plainsboro South
District 21 (11)	District 22 (11)	District 23 (11)	District 24 (11)
@ Manalapan Mgr. – Mr. Phillip Ricci Colts Neck Freehold Boro Freehold Township Holmdel Howell Jackson Memorial Jackson Liberty Marlboro Matawan St. John Vianney	@ Red Bank Regional Mgr. Mr. Del Dal Pra Christian Brothers Keansburg Keyport/Henry Hudson Long Branch Middletown North Middletown South Ocean Twp. Raritan Red Bank Catholic Rumson-Fair Haven	@ Brick Memorial Mgr. Mr. Bill Bruno Asbury Park Brick Twp. Manasquan Monmouth Reg. Neptune Pt. Pleasant Beach Pt. Pleasant Boro St. Rose Shore Regional Wall Township	@ Toms River East Mgr. Mr. Brian Cerbone Barnegat Central Regional Lacey Township Lakewood Manchester Twp. Msgr. Donovan Pinelands Reg. Southern Reg. Toms River North Toms River South
District 25 (11)	District 26 (11)	District 27 (10)	District 28 (9)
@ Hamilton East Mgr.- Dave Dempster Allentown Hamilton North Hamilton West Hightstown New Egypt No. Burlington Pemberton Rancocas Valley Robbinsville Trenton Central <i>Note-Hamilton East/RVRHS rotate site each year</i>	@ Holy Cross Mgr.- Mr. Dan Dockery Bordentown Burlington City Burl. Co. Inst. (Westhampton) Burlington Township Cinnaminson Delran Eastern Regional Moorestown Riverside Willingboro	@ Cherokee Mgr.- Mr. Scott Agnew Bishop Eustace Camden Catholic Cherry Hill East Cherry Hill West Lenape High School Maple Shade Palmyra Seneca Shawnee	@ Collingswood Mgr.- Mr. Ron Hamrick Audubon Camden Haddonfield Haddon Heights Haddon Township Paul VI Pennsauken Sterling
District 29 (9)	District 30 (10)	District 31 (9)	District 32 (12)
@ Gloucester Co. College Mgr.- Steve Anuszewski Clayton/Glassboro Clearview Reg. Deptford Twp. Gateway Reg/Woodbury Gloucester Catholic Gloucester Jr./Sr. High School Paulsboro Pitman West Deptford	@ Overbrook Mgr.- Mr. Gary McGaurn Hammonton Highland Reg. Lindenwold St. Joseph ((Hammonton) Timber Creek Triton Washington Twp. Williamstown Winslow Twp.	@ Delsea Reg Mgr.- Mr. Steve Iles Cumberland Regional Kingsway Reg. Millville Penns Grove Pennsville Schalick Vineland Woodstown	@ Absegami Mgr.- Mr. Steve Fortis Atlantic City Buena Cedar Creek Egg Harbor Twp. Holy Spirit Lower Cape May Mainland Regional Middle Twp. Oakcrest Ocean City St. Augustine Prep.

F. District Realignment Program

- a. Will be considered for the Districts of 2015, 2020, 2025, etc.
- b. Nineteen (19) person committee consisting of NJWCA President (chair) and Vice President, State Ranking Chairman, eight (8) Region Presidents and eight (8) additional Region Administrators who are not serving as Region Presidents or from the same wrestling district as the Region Presidents
- 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 9, 2012

1. **DISTRICT WEIGH-IN AND ADMISSION FORM** A wrestler is permitted to wrestle in any weight class (within National Federation & 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. **ENTRY FEE**- Eighty Dollars (\$80) each participating school and given to Site Manager at District Seed.
3. **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 5, 2012.
4. **MUST FOLLOW DESCENT PLAN- The Individual's descent plan must allow participation at the chosen weight class.**
5. **DECLARING WEIGHT CLASS** A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period.
6. **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 (escapesports.com), for wrestling from the seeding meeting, throughout the tournament.
 - c. A training session will occur at the NJSIAA headquarters prior to the start of the Districts.
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 2011-12 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 against** NJ competition only- Out-of-State points will not be figured in.
Note: The individual match record will show how many points are earned or lost for each match throughout the year
Note: 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.
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.

2. **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.

3. **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 Individual Site Seeding Chairman or Athletic Director will contact the NJSIAA Tournament Director to have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee within 24 hours of the seeding meeting with their decision ruled as final.

I. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. **DEFINITIONS-**

- a. **Replacement-** Any wrestler named at the seeding meeting that can not 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 **Rule 10-2-5 of the NFHS Wrestling Rules**. 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 Friday, February 10, 2012.
2. **BOUT LENGTH-** Same as Group Sectional Tournament.
3. **BOUT START-** All bouts, except finals, will follow regular bout order: 103 through 285. Finals will be wrestled following a random draw. The random draw will be selected immediately after Saturday weigh-ins.
4. **EXHIBITION BOUTS-** are not permitted.

K. Ticket and Admission Information

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES-**
 - a. **Wrestlers-** Must be listed on the **District Weigh-in and Admission Form (chapter 4-8)**
Note: Only the competing wrestlers are given admission tickets, maximum of 14 wrestlers.
 - b. **Administrators and Coaches-** All seven (7) tickets given in Packet at the District Seeding Meeting.
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 a 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 National Federation Rules, 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 or loud music, 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. 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. 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, etc. will be worn.
 2. Should individual wrestler introductions occur, wrestlers will stand in the proper introduction alignment until the introductions of all the wrestlers have been completed. 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 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. **Team Tournaments:** Coaches and other team personnel are restricted to the bench while the clock is running and during normal out-of-bounds and resumption of wrestling. During this time, the coach may walk behind the team bench to encourage coach's wrestlers, or when necessary for the team bench to be located in the bleachers, to walk in front of the team area parallel to the bleachers. The coach may approach the official's table to request the match be stopped to discuss the misapplication of a rule. The coach may move toward the mat only during a charged time-out or at the end of the match. Rule 7, Section 5, Article 2 of the **NFHS WRESTLING RULES**.
 - c. **Misconduct by a Coach:** When coach erroneously questions the application of a rule (as defined by the National Federation Rule Book), or is penalized for misconduct.
 1. First Offense- Warning
 2. Second Offense- 1 Point Penalty (If No Team Score kept, another Warning)
 3. Third Offense- Removal for the remainder of the Day and deduct 2 team points
 - d. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct by a Coach:** The official shall follow the penalty chart in the National Federation Rule Book of:
 1. First Offense- If team score is kept, deduct 1 team point. Issue warning if no team score.
 2. Second Offense- Removal from premises for the remainder of the tournament, deduct 1 team point.
 Note- Team points can only be taken away where team score is kept (groups, district).
A coach's actions will never penalize his wrestler's individual score
 - e. **Flagrant Misconduct by a Coach:**
 1. First Offense- Removal from premises for the remainder of this tournament, and must sit out the next two (2) scheduled contests. Deduct 3 team points
4. **CONDUCT OF CONTESTANTS**-Will be Strictly Enforced.
 - a. **Disqualification for rules Violation:** Technical violation, stalling, unnecessary roughness, illegal holds or unsportsmanlike conduct (unless flagrant) does not eliminate the wrestler from further competition in the tournament provided the loss does not eliminate from further competition. This disqualified wrestler will receive awards for the place achieved.
 - b. **Unsportsmanlike conduct -Prior to or after the Conclusion of Wrestling:**
 1. First Offense- If team score is kept, deduct 1 team point. Issue warning if no team score.
 2. Second Offense- Disqualify and remove from premises for remainder of tournament, and deduct 2 team points.
 - c. **Flagrant Misconduct by a Contestant:**
 1. First Offense- Eliminated from any further competition and deduct 3 team points. Wrestler will not receive an award and will lose any and all team points accumulated. The wrestler may not return to this or any of the site premises for the remainder of this tournament, and sit the next two (2) scheduled contests. Even though a wrestler is not permitted to wrestle in the remainder of that tournament, said wrestler may fulfill the two-match disqualification, provided the team continues to wrestle in scheduled events.
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 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 2011-12 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

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**TOURNAMENT REFUSAL FORM
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NAME OF SCHOOL

DISTRICT _____

REGION _____

(Consult the wrestling classification memorandum for 2011-12 before checking proper blank)

WE DO NOT INTEND TO ENTER

_____ **Please check**

Stamped signatures will not be accepted

**Principal's Signature
Signature**

Athletic Director's

Coaches Signature

**FAX TO NJSIAA ON OR BEFORE JAN. 9, 2012
609 259 3047 – NO COVER SHEET PLEASE**

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OF JAN. 9 BUT IF THIS FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY JAN. 9 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 2012 wrestling individual tournament**