

**2011-2012 NJSIAA/*THE STAR LEDGER*
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
REGULATIONS**

**GROUP SECTIONALS
AND
GROUP FINALS**

GROUP SECTIONALS

**Monday - February 6, 2012
Wednesday - February 8, 2012
Friday - February 10, 2012**

GROUP FINALS

Sunday - February 12, 2012

PLEASE NOTE

Throughout the entire season, scores **MUST** be reported following each dual meet, 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**

IMPORTANT DATES

**Minimum Weight Certification Team Form
To Be Signed and Filed with the by Principal: December 16, 2011**

Refusal to Enter Tournament Form January 9, 2012

Two Pound Allowance: January 22, 2012

Cut Off Date: January 28, 2012

Team Seeding: January 31, 2012

GROUP SECTIONALS & GROUP STATES

CHANGES/ ADDITIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

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

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D. Weigh-In Procedures

Note 1.

NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS - Note addition of "designee". The rule now reads:
"The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by weighmaster or designee on this sheet."

Note 2.

WEIGHTMASTER: - The following sentence was added:

"The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by weighmaster or designee on the Team Sectional Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form."

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F. Qualifying Criteria

Note 2. - Note the addition of "dual meet" The rule now reads:

RULE 2, SECTION 18 OF THE NJSIAA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:
All NJSIAA team entry forms must reflect dual meet competition of no less than 70 % with New Jersey Schools. If a team does not meet this criterion, it will forfeit entry into the NJSIAA Group Team Tournament."

IF YOU WRESTLE ON FRIDAY A TWO (2) POUND ALLOWANCE WILL BE GRANTED FOR MONDAY ONLY

Group-sectional TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Description- A three (3) day, 3-round team tournament that is the first part of the State Wrestling Team Tournament. Held throughout NJ on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the remaining schools with the higher seeds, with qualifying teams broken down by school size (Group), type of school (Public or Non-public), and geographic location (Section). Only the Sectional Group Championship Team advances in the team tournament.

B. Dates and Times

- a. Monday, February 6, 2012, one (1) round, Sectional Quarterfinal round
- b. Wednesday, February 8, 2012, one (1) round, Sectional Semifinal round
- c. Friday, February 10, 2012, one (1) round, Sectional Finals
- d. All Sectional Matches- will start at 7:00 PM.

C. Trainers - Each school participating in the tournament shall be responsible for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as in effect during the regular season. When matches are scheduled at predetermined sites, visiting schools should not assume that the home school trainer will be available, and should therefore prepare for the care of their athletes. NJSIAA may assign athletic trainers for the state final events to assist with emergency situations.

D. Weigh-In Procedures

1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE-** Original Weight Class- 106 Monday, Wednesday and Friday- 108
2. **WEIGH-IN PERIOD-**

- a. **Mon. Wed. and Fri.** - Will begin one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the first match.
 1. All contestants shall be present in designated weigh-in area at the start of the weigh-in period. Contestants may not leave the weigh-in area unless granted permission by the weighmaster.
 2. Weigh-ins will begin at 106 lb. and conclude immediately following the 285 lb. weight class.
 3. Visiting team (lower seed) weigh in first.
 4. 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.
 5. At least two (2) certified scale twice, and immediately on any subsequent certified scale(s) only once in attempt to make weight.
 6. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period.
 7. During the time off the scale, activities that promote dehydration are prohibited.
 8. Wrestlers opting to wear a legal hair cover must wear it to the weigh-in and be checked for grooming. The legal hair cover must be removed prior to the wrestler stepping on the scale to be weighed.

Note: SUPERVISED SCALES MUST BE AVAILABLE ONE-HALF (1/2) HOUR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE WEIGH-IN PERIOD. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEIGH-IN EARLY/LATE UNLESS WEATHER OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE AND THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RULES OTHERWISE. CONTESTANTS MAY NOT ENGAGE IN QUICK WEIGHT REDUCTION PRACTICES DURING THE 30 MINUTE WEIGHT CHECK TIME AS EXPLAINED IN RULE 4-4-3 OF THE NFHS WRESTLING RULES

3. **NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS-** Teams may weigh-in three (3) wrestlers in each weight class each day. A wrestler **must** be listed as one (1) of the three (3) wrestlers in that weight class on the **Team Sectional Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form** to compete. The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by weighmaster or designee on this sheet. Contestants may "move up" as per **Rule 4-4-2 of the NFHS Wrestling Rules**, but not move "down."

Note: THIS WEIGH-IN FORM WILL BE USED FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE WRESTLERS.

4. **ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASS FOR WRESTLING-**The random draw for the order of weight classes shall take place immediately following the conclusion of weigh-ins and supervised by the referee.
5. **WEIGHMASTER -** . The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by weighmaster or designee on the **Team Sectional Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form**. 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 a written statement from a physician, using the proper NJSIAA skin documentation form, that an exam took place pertaining to that condition, within the last seven (7) days, clearing that contestant for competition.

E. Postponement Schedule

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

F. Qualifying Criteria

ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS SPONSORING AN INTERSCHOLASTIC WRESTLING PROGRAM AT THE VARSITY LEVEL ARE ELIGIBLE UNLESS A TOURNAMENT REFUSAL FORM IS RECEIVED BY JANUARY 9, 2012

1. **ENTRY FEE**- Eighty (\$80) for each selected school, to be mailed to the NJSIAA.
2. **TO QUALIFY**- By the cut-off date (Saturday, January 28, 2012) teams must have wrestled at least six (6) dual meets. (*THE NEED TO HAVE A WINNING PERCENTAGE OF .500 OR BETTER HAS BEEN ELIMINATED*). Then the power point ranking system will be used to determine the standard number of six (6) qualifying teams. See Team Classifications at

www.njsiaa.org.

Note: Seventy percent 70% of dual meets wrestled before the cutoff of January 28, 2012 must be against New Jersey Schools.

3. **QUALIFYING EXCEPTIONS**-
 - a. If the above criteria is met, any teams that are in an exact tie for the 6th spot (as determined by the selection committee) will be included in this team tournament.
 - b. Any undefeated and untied team with at least the minimum number of meets, will be included.
4. **QUALIFYING NOTES**-
 - a. Any meet wrestled after the cut-off date of Saturday, January 28, 2012, will NOT count toward qualification or seeding, regardless of the reason, even if the cause is an act of God.
 - b. Non-qualifying teams will NOT be added to fill a bracket.
 - c. Head to Head competition is NOT a consideration for qualifying in top 6, only power points.

G. Selection, Seeding and Complaints

1. **COMMITTEE**- Selected ranking chairmen/designee per region and chaired by the Tournament Director.
2. **DATE/SITE OF THE SELECTION/SEEDING MEETING**- Tuesday- January 31, 2012 at 9:00 AM, at NJSIAA Headquarters on Route 130, in Robbinsville, NJ.
3. **NOTIFICATION TO SELECTED SCHOOLS**- Contact Region President Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

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

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

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

Note 1: A RANKED TEAM IS ONE WHOSE FINAL POWER POINT RANKING, FOR THE PRIOR SEASON WAS 25.0 OR HIGHER.
 3. Send point values and district co-efficient to the state statistician
 - b. **Strength of Program**
 1. Average the team's SECTIONAL rankings for the last three (3) seasons.
 2. Rank teams and give point values for rank position. (15 for 1st, 14 for 2nd, 13 for 3rd, etc.)
 - c. **Pre-Season Ranking**
 1. Add the points awarded in (a) and (b).
 2. Compare results to the other teams in the region to determine its rank position in the region.
 3. The teams will then be ranked by SECTION, with 19 teams being ranked in each section.
 4. For purpose of the first ranking, assign a 32.00 to the team ranked #1 in the region, 31.50 to #2, 31.00 to #3 ... 25.50 to #14, 25.00 to #15 and 23.00 to all other teams. (The State Statistician will return the ranking points to each Regional Chair, for use in the following year's computation.

Note: BASED ON RESULTS, TEAMS WILL RECEIVE POWER POINTS BASED ON THEIR OPPONENT'S POWER POINTS, ACCORDING TO THE RANKING SCALE.
 - d. **Dropping Points**
 1. After the pre-season ranking, each team's points are dropped before the regular season ranking.
2. **REGULAR SEASON RANKING-**
- a. **Dual Meets**

Points are awarded for dual meet wins and losses. Use the **Ranking Scale** below to determine the number of points earned for dual meet competition. The weight of a forfeit will be calculated with the winning team getting the maximum points of the opponent while the losing team receives the opponents minimum points allowed. **Coaches are responsible to email to check and verify their team's records and scores with their Ranking Chairman prior to the seeding meeting.**

Ranking Scale-2011-12

Opponent's Power Rating	WINNING MARGIN					LOSING MARGIN			
	19+	13-18	7-12	1-6		1-6	7-12	13-18	19+
32.00-Higher	43	42	41	40		38	36	33	29
31.50-31.99	42	41	40	39		37	35	32	28
31.00-31.49	41	40	39	38		36	34	31	27
30.50-30.99	40	39	38	37		35	33	30	26
30.00-30.49	39	38	37	36		34	32	29	25
29.50-29.99	38	37	36	35		33	31	28	24
29.00-29.49	37	36	35	34		32	30	27	23
28.50-28.99	36	35	34	33		31	29	27	22
28.00-28.49	35	34	33	32		30	28	26	21
27.50-27.99	34	33	32	31		29	27	26	20
27.00-27.49	33	32	31	30		28	26	25	19
26.50-26.99	32	31	30	29		27	25	24	18
26.00-26.49	31	30	29	28		26	24	23	17
25.50-25.99	30	29	28	27		25	23	22	16
25.00-25.49	29	28	27	26		24	22	21	15
24.50-24.99	28	27	27	26		24	22	20	15
24.00-24.49	28	27	27	26		24	22	20	15
23.50-23.99	27	26	26	25		23	21	19	14
23.00-23.49	27	26	26	25		23	21	19	14
22.99-Lower	26	26	25	25		23	21	18	14

- b. **Quads-** Four (4) teams at one site.
- When Quads are scored as individual dual meets, award points as you would for dual meets. When Quads are conducted as a four-team tournament, they DO NOT count in power rankings.
- c. **Tournaments and Out-of-State Competition**
- Results of regular season tournaments will NOT count for ranking purposes.
 - Ranking will be based upon in-state competition; however, the Selection Committee will consider all dual meet competition in the final selections/seedings. **(Rule 2 Section 18 NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws, the 70% rule)**
- d. **Compiling Points**
- Divide all points a team earns by the number of its dual meets. This quotient or average is compared to that of the other teams to determine its rank position.
- e. **Final Ranking**
- The Final Recalculation of the schools will be computed, using the opponent's numerical ranking from the previous week, immediately after the cut-off date and this final ranking will be used to select and seed teams for the Sectional Team Championships.
 - When wrestling a team twice in the same season, each team will use only the result that will benefit that team the most.
- f. **Seeding Criteria-**
- The top 6 teams are selected by only using their Power Points totals, carried out as far as possible.

Note; *TO BREAK AN EXACT TIE IN POWER POINT RANKINGS, THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA WILL BE USED, IN THE FOLLOWING WEIGHTED ORDER:*

 - Head-to-Head results.
 - Best won/lost record vs. common opponents.
 - Best winning percentage in over-all competition.
 - Most wins in over-all competition.

Note 4: *IF AFTER A VOTE, A TIE STILL EXISTS, THE RECORD AND QUALITY OF ACHIEVEMENT AGAINST RANKED TEAMS WILL BE COMPUTED USING A SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED MATHEMATICAL FORMULA TO BREAK THE TIE.*
 - All teams are pre-seeded by power points per group, with the higher pre-seed challenged first.

3. Head-to-Head results receive consideration only when a lower ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately higher (immediately above).
 Note 5: *ANY SPLIT OF HEAD-TO-HEAD MATCHES WILL HAVE THE VICTORS RECEIVE PREFERENCE*
4. Movement in seed may occur only one step at a time on the basis of the Head-to-Head criterion (i.e. If 6th in rank has defeated 5th in rank/seed, then they switch positions)
5. The seventh (7th, then 8th) ranked team will replace any team unable to compete if the situation is ruled on by the NJSIAA by 12:00- NOON on Thursday- February 2nd forcing a re-seed with teams moving up to fill the void and the 7th replacing the 6th spot, etc. Any team withdrawal after that time will result in a walk-over for that originally scheduled opponent.

I. Posting of Ranking, Appeals and School Conduct

1. **STATE RANKINGS POSTED ON NJSIAA WEB SITE** (www.njsiaa.org)-Contact Region Ranking Chairman with questions.
2. **APPEAL OF SELECTION/SEEDING/CONDITION**- There will be **NO APPEAL** of a Selection Committee's decision unless a school can show the calculations for the ranking were in error and filed with the NJSIAA by 12:00 Noon on Thursday, February 2nd. Where it can be substantiated that an unfair seed, or condition has occurred, the school will contact the NJSIAA Tournament Director to have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee with their decision final.
3. **CONDUCT OF COMPETING SCHOOLS**- Schools participating in the Team Championships must provide minimum-security personnel to assist in Crowd Control; such appointed personnel must report to the Site Manager.
 - a. There will be a meeting between the police and school security personnel prior to each event to coordinate their efforts.
 - b. The Executive Committee reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of an individual or a team to compete in the Team Wrestling Championships, at any time, if an individual or team is guilty of flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - c. Participating schools are responsible to provide an administrator or designee to supervise all meets or tournaments, home and away.
 - d. All schools entered in the Team Wrestling Championships will be completely responsible for the conduct of their coaching staffs, trainers, wrestlers, other bench personnel, cheerleaders, students, and spectators. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events. The administration of each school must abide by this requirement.
 - e. The Site Manager and/or the Official, have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation, unethical or unsportsmanlike conduct as noted in the **NFHS Rules Book**.

J. Team Assignments, Sites and Site Managers

1. **SECTIONAL QUARTERFINALS**- Monday, February 6, 2012, as follows:
 - a. **When the standard six (6) schools are selected**- On one (1) mat:
At #3 Seed #6 Seed vs. #3 Seed at 7:00 PM. **At #4 Seed**- #4 Seed vs. #5 Seed at 7:00 PM.
 - b. **If seven (7) or eight (8) schools are selected**- (*see qualifying exceptions- F-4*)
At #2 Seed- #7 Seed vs. #2 Seed at 7:00 PM **At #1 Seed**- #8 Seed** vs. #1 Seed at 7:00 PM.
 **If qualified. If NOT, #1 will receive a bye 1st round, as in I-1.
2. **SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS**- Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 7:00 PM, at the highest seed.
At #1 Seed- #1 vs. #4/#5 winner **At #2 Seed**- #2 vs. #6/#3 winner.
3. **SECTIONAL FINALS**- Friday, February 10, 2012, 7:00 PM, at the highest seed remaining.

K. Participation Limitations- Week of Team Championships- February 5-12, 2012

1. **NON-SELECTED TEAMS**- Matches wrestled do NOT count toward the thirty (30) maximum.
 - a. Permitted to wrestle within the limitations of **NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws Rule 24, Section 7**
2. **SELECTED TEAMS**-
 May NOT wrestle prior to their first tournament match this week. (unless declared Champion)

Note : SCHOOLS MUST CONTACT NJSIAA FOR WAIVER

3. **SELECTED TEAMS THAT ARE ELIMINATED DURING THE WEEK**
 - a. Still permitted to wrestle but must adhere to limitations in **NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws Rule 24, Section 7**

L. Ticket and Admission Information

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES-**
 - a. Sectional Quarterfinals- Must be listed on the **Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form**
 - b. Sectional Finals- Administrators, Coaches and Wrestlers will be listed on **Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form**. There will be **NO** tickets given out for admission.

Note 1: TEAM MUST USE GROUP TEAM WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHOOL ADMISSION AND WEIGH IN FORM (2 COPIES) LOCATED ON THE FOLLOWING SITE:

www.nwcaonline.com

2. **TICKET PRICES** – TBA

M. Replacement and Forfeitures

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

N. Officials and Matches

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, with one of these officials assigned as weighmaster. **Officials must be confirmed by host Site Manager no later than Friday, February 3, 2012.**
2. **BOUT LENGTH-** All bouts, will consist of three (3), 2-minute periods. Overtime is one (1), 1-minute sudden, victory period from the neutral position. If no scoring, then there will be two (2) 30-second periods with each wrestler given choice of position. If no difference in the scoring after these two 30-second periods, then the 30-second top/bottom tiebreaker will decide the match. A fall ends the match at any time.
3. **FIRST BOUT-** Draw for 1st bout immediately after weigh-in and continue in order.
HOME/VISITOR SELECTION- Teams will NOT be pre-determined "Home" or "Visitor." A pre-meet coin toss will determine which team will have the choice in the **odd or even** bouts of:
 - a. Sending their contestant to the wrestling area first **AND**
 - b. Having their choice of position at the start of the second period.

O. Awards and Team Scoring

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

Group-state TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Description- A one (1) day, 2-round team tournament per public school group and 1-round for the Non-public groups, which is the final part of the State Wrestling Team Tournament held at the Pine Belt Arena, Toms River High School North, Toms River, NJ, the team champion of all four (4) public school groups and two (2) Non-public school groups will be determined.

Note: TEAM ROSTERS FOR THE TOURNAMENT PROGRAM ARE DUE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2012 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE “INTERACTIVE ROSTER FORM” FOUND ON THE FOLLOWING SITE:

njschoolsports.com

B. Dates and Times

1. **DATES-** Sunday, February 12, 2012

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

2. **TIMES-**

- a. Session 1- Weigh-In begins 8:30 AM **Wrestling starts- 10:00 AM** on four (4) mats
- b. Session 2- Weigh-In begins 11:00 AM **Wrestling starts- 12:30 PM** on four (4) mats
- c. Session 3- Weigh-In begins 2:00 PM **Wrestling starts- 3:30 PM** on three (3) mats
- d. Session 4- Weigh-In begins 4:30 PM **Wrestling starts- 6:00 PM** on three (3) mats

3. **PAIRINGS-** The pairings for 2012 are as follows:

- a. Session 1- Group 1 semifinals, *mats 1 & 2* **also** Group 4 semifinals, *mats 3 & 4*.
- b. Session 2- Group 2 semifinals, *mats 1 & 2* **also** Group 3 semifinals, *mats 3 & 4*.
- c. Session 3- Group 1 final- *mat 1*, Group 4 final- *mat 2*, **also** Non-Public B final- *mat 3*.
- d. Session 4- Group 2 final- *mat 1*, Group 3 final- *mat 2*, **also** Non-Public A final- *mat 3*.

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

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

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

Note: TEAMS WEIGH-IN AT THEIR 1ST SESSION ONLY. *NON-PUBLIC ONLY AT SESSION 3 OR SESSION 4 WEIGH-IN*

D. Postponement Schedule- Highly unlikely.

- 1. **DECISION AND NOTIFICATION-** Same as Sectional Tournament.
- 2. **RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES-** Determined and communicated to sites and teams by NJSIAA Every effort will be made to reschedule the tournament at the Pine Belt Arena.

E. Rotating Host Site Schedule- If Postponed, and the tournament cannot be held at the Pine Belt Arena, the 2012 season hosts are:

<i>Public</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
NJ1	I	IV	III	II	I	IV	III	II
NJ2	II	I	IV	III	II	I	IV	III
CJ	III	II	I	IV	III	II	I	IV
SJ	IV	III	II	I	IV	III	II	I
<i>Non-Public</i>								
North A				X				X
South B	X				X			
North B		X				X		
South A			X				X	

F. Qualifying Criteria

1. **Entry Form and Fee** – Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-in Form

G. Selection, Seeding and Complaints-

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

H. Participation Limitations the Week of Group Team Championships

SELECTED TEAMS THAT ARE ELIMINATED- Same as Group Sectional Tournament.

I. Replacement and Forfeitures

1. **USE OF AN INELIGIBLE WRESTLER**- Same as Group Sectional Tournament.

J. Officials and Match Information

1. **OFFICIALS**- Assigned by Vinnie Russo, (cell) 973 865 6254, (work) 973 865 6254, email refvr@yahoo.com with two (2) officials per mat, one official assigned as weighmaster. **OFFICIALS MUST RECORD WEIGHT OF PARTICIPANTS, NOT COACHES** 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**- Same as Group Sectional Tournament.
4. **HOME/VISITOR SELECTION**- Same as Group Sectional Tournament.
5. **EXHIBITION BOUTS**- are not permitted.

K. Ticket and Admission Information

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES**-
 - a. **Administrators, Coaches and Wrestlers**- Must be listed on the **Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-in Form** - No admission tickets will be distributed.
2. **TICKET PRICES**- For the Pine Belt Arena (Toms River North HS)

TBA

Note: THE ARENA WILL BE CLEARED AFTER THE 12:30 PM SESSION, BEFORE THE START OF THE 3:30 PM SESSION.

L. Awards and Team Scoring

1. The Group State Champion Trophy, for each of the six (6) championships, will be awarded at mat side immediately following the end of each final round.

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 go to center of the mat where the wrestlers will shake hands.
 3. Wrestlers will stand quietly and attentively during the playing of the National Anthem.. Actions that could be construed as disrespectful will not be permitted. No jumping around, warming up, or pacing back and forth will be allowed.
 4. Failure to comply the above stated guidelines shall result in an unsportsmanlike conduct call. The Head Coach will be penalized with the deduction of one (1) team point (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 the remainder of that tournament, said wrestler may fulfill the two-match disqualification, provided the team continues to wrestle in scheduled events.
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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. If an individual gets someone else's blood on his/her skin, protective gloves should be worn to wipe the blood off with a disposable towel using soap and water.
 a. If any blood gets on an opponent's uniform during competition or a teammate's uniform during practice, it is unnecessary to clean the uniform at that point unless the opponent or teammate has an open cut or unskinned area, or the blood is on a part of the uniform which might come in contact with mucous membranes. If the student-athlete does have an open cut or unskinned area or believes that blood might come in contact with mucous membranes, then the uniform should be wiped with soap and water.
- D. Sales and Solicitations**- Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the 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 between an NJSIAA member school and a commercial-free public access television channel

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2012 NJSIAA TEAM WRESTLING**

NAME OF SCHOOL

Public:

North I _____

North II _____

Central _____

South _____

Group IV _____

Group III _____

Group II _____

Group I _____

Non-Public:

North _____ A _____

South _____ B _____

(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

Athletic Director's Signature

Coaches Signature

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

**THIS FORM MAY BE FAXED EARLIER THAN THE CUTOFF DATE OF
JAN. 9 BUT IF THIS FORM IS NOT RECEIVED BY JAN. 9 YOU ARE
ELIGIBLE TO BE SEEDED BY THE TEAM WRESTLING COMMITTEE**

**This form is only to be submitted if your school does not intend to enter the
NJSIAA 2012 wrestling team tournament**