

**2017-2018**

**NJSIAA/ROTHMAN INSTITUTE  
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT  
REGULATIONS**

**DISTRICTS**

**DISTRICT SEEDING**

All District seeding meetings **MUST** be held **on**  
**Thursday of District week**

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**Friday - February 16**

**Saturday - February 17**

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A wrestler must make **flat/scratch** weight and appear on mat **prior to or at the start of the districts** to establish lowest possible weight class the wrestler can wrestle in the District Tournament

# **NJSIAA Rules Changes**

## **2017-2018**

**The facility fee due to the District host schools remains the same**

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# **District CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

- A. Description** A 3-round qualifying, tournament that is the first part of the Individual State Wrestling Championship held at 32 locations throughout NJ. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each weight class advance to the regions, the next tournament of the championships.
- B. Dates and Times**
  - 1. **DATES**- - February **16** and February **17** – Please note – schools have the option of running a one day district tournament.
    - a. Friday, February **16, 2018**, preliminary (if needed) and quarterfinal rounds
    - b. Saturday, February **17, 2018**, semifinal and final rounds.
  - 2. **TIME**- The time schedule shall be at the discretion of the Site Manager, although the Friday session should not start after 6:00 PM. It is strongly recommended that Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night be used to complete the tournament, using a single mat for the finals following the consolations. Eliminating a Saturday morning round after a late Friday night round should help reduce the need for overnight lodging.
  - 3. **WEIGHT CLASS ORDER** Random draw will be used for FINAL MATCHES ONLY. All other rounds will start at 106 through 285. The random draw for the finals will take place prior to weigh-ins Saturday morning when all coaches and wrestlers are present at the designated weigh-in time.
- C. Weigh-In Procedures**
  - 1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE**
    - a. For Two Day Tournament starting Friday  
Original Weight Class- 106    Friday- 108    Saturday- 109
    - b. For One Day Tournament starting Saturday  
Original Weight Class – 106    Saturday 108

2. **WEIGH-IN PERIOD**

- a. Must begin 2.0 hours before the start of each session.
- b. All contestants in a particular weight class shall be present in the designated weigh-in area at the start of the weigh-in period.
- c. Contestants may not leave the weigh-in area unless granted permission by the weighmaster.
- d. All contestants shall weigh in wearing a suitable undergarment.
- e. Weigh-ins will begin at 106 lb. and conclude immediately following the 285 lb. weight class.
- f. Wrestlers will weigh-in in seeded order, lower or worse seed weighs in first.
- g. When all wrestlers for a weight class have had an opportunity to weigh-in and the next class is called, that weight class is closed.
- h. At least two (2) certified scales must be used and contestants may step on and off the first scale twice, and immediately on any subsequent certified scale(s) only once in attempt to make weight.
- i. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period.
- j. 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. **During time off the scale(s) activities that promote dehydration or hydration, weight loss or weight gain, are prohibited** .

3. **NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS**

**See Group Sectionals**

**EXCEPT:**

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

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

*NOTE 2: The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by weighmaster or designee on this sheet. Proper signatures must be recorded.*

4. **WEIGHMASTER**

**See Group Sectionals**

5. **COACHES/CONTESTANTS CONDUCT**

**See Regular Season**

6. **DISQUALIFIED WRESTLER**

**See Regular Season**

**D. Postponement Schedule**

1. **DECISION and NOTIFICATION**

**See Group Sectionals**

2. **RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES**

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

**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*

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

1. **SCHOOL NOT HAVING A VARSITY TEAM IN 2017-2018** Please notify NJSIAA in writing.

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

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

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



**F. DISTRICT/REGION REALIGNMENT**

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

a. **REALIGNMENT PROCESS**

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

**G. Qualifying Criteria**

1. **DISTRICT WEIGH-IN AND ADMISSION FORM** A wrestler is permitted to wrestle in any weight class (**within NFHS Wrestling Rules Book & NJSIAA Rules and Regulations**), providing their name appears as a contestant or alternate at any weight class on the properly signed Trackwrestling Official Weigh-In Form. This form is to be given to the Site Manager at the District Seed.
2. Every wrestler, at every level, must have only one (1) Individual Match Summary Form that shows all appearances by that wrestler, at all levels, where that wrestler represented the school in any-match (i.e. weight, weight class, level, W/L, etc.)  
*NOTE: No wrestler (at any level) is allowed to wrestle more than thirty (30) matches before the NJSIAA team championships begin on the week of February 4, 2018*
3. **MUST FOLLOW DESCENT PLAN** The individual’s descent plan must allow participation at the chosen weight class.
4. **DECLARING WEIGHT CLASS** A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period.

5. **QUESTIONS** Any doubt as to a wrestler's qualifications for the tournament, the Site Manager should contact the Central Office of the NJSIAA at 609-259-2776.

## H. Seeding

1. **PHILOSOPHY** Seeding should reduce the possibility of having the two best wrestlers meet in the early rounds. Theoretically, they should meet in the final, after having the four best wrestlers meet in the semifinals. The quality of wrestling should improve as the tournament advances.
2. **ETHICS** Highest ethics should prevail. Attempts to place an "unproven" wrestler in an advantageous position in order to gain additional team points, or to reduce a "stronger" team's chance of attaining more team points are looked upon as self-serving. Using the seeding meeting to determine where you are going to wrestle your student/athletes causing a re-seeding the day of the tournament is another practice that must be discouraged.
3. **GROUND RULES FOR THE SEEDING MEETING**
  - a. Site Manager will serve or appoint a Seeding Chairperson, who is NOT an active high school coach, to run the meeting, and to only vote in the case of a tie.
  - b. The Varsity Head Wrestling coach and one designee may take part in the seeding discussions but only Head Coach votes. Every school must vote (no abstentions)

*NOTE: All districts must use the NJSIAA sponsored computerized program, trackwrestling.com for the seeding meeting throughout the tournament*

4. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING** All District seeding meetings must be held the **Thursday** of District week. Coaches must be made aware of the time and location.
5. **PRE-SEEDING FOR THE DISTRICTS- MANDATORY for the 2017-2018 Season**

- a. Wrestlers will be pre-seeded by Trackwrestling based on their best **twenty (20) in-state** matches based on the Pre-seed Chart for District and Regions.

*NOTE: Trackwrestling does all the calculations automatically when match results are recorded on Trackwrestling and a current listing of points will be available online as the season progresses*

- b. The Pre-seed will be a combination of the following:
  1. **Prestige Points**- Points a wrestler starts the season with, by virtue of the best past performance in a previous State Tournament. These points will be displayed on Trackwrestling so possible Quality points can be determined by opponents.

*NOTE: Use same advancement criteria as stated in the state tournament criteria- i.e., replacement wrestler does not have to win in tournament in order get credit for seeding next year*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pre-Seed Points Calculation:** \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Prestige Pts. Quality Pts. Pre-Seed  
 Pts.

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

<i>Past year</i>	<i>Quality Points</i>		<i>Current year</i>	
<b>Prestige Points Own Merit- (Quality Pts x 2)</b>	<b>Furthest Advancement</b>	<b>Quality Points</b>	<b>Beat a Participant- (=Quality Pts)</b>	<b>Lost by Decision- (20% Quality Pts)</b>
125	State Champ	62.5	62.5	12.5
115	2 <sup>nd</sup> in States	57.5	57.5	11.5
110	3 <sup>rd</sup> in States	55	55	11
105	4 <sup>th</sup> in States	52.5	52.5	10.5
100	5 <sup>th</sup> in States	50	50	10
95	6 <sup>th</sup> in States	47.5	47.5	9.5
90	7 <sup>th</sup> in States	45	45	9
85	8 <sup>th</sup> in States	42.5	42.5	8.5
80	WB4 in States	40	40	8
75	WB3 in States	37.5	37.5	7.5
70	WB2 in States	35	35	7
65	WB1 in States	32.5	32.5	6.5
50	5 <sup>th</sup> in Regions	25	25	5
45	6 <sup>th</sup> in Regions	22.5	22.5	4.5
40	WB1 in Regions	20	20	4
35	2v3 in Regions	17.5	17.5	3.5
15	4 <sup>th</sup> in Districts	7.5	7.5	0
10	Quarters in Districts	5	5	-1
5	Prelim in Districts	2.5	2.5	-1
0	Never in Districts	2	2	-1

**7. PROCEDURES AT THE SEEDING MEETING**

- a. Coaches must hand in a completed-trackwrestling 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 matches 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 Procedure**

Prior to the start of seeding the first weight class, all coaches that are considering using the wild card designation for any wrestler(s) will be heard (2 mins.), discussed and voted on, with that vote final as no other wild cards will be entertained once the seeding starts. Collectively, coaches will decide what they believe is a proper use of the wild card designation for any wrestler that can include: injury, academically ineligible, transfers or other unforeseen conditions AND coaches should be careful not to abuse the wildcard as it could lead to endless, time consuming debates.

*NOTE 1: Mandatory Wild Cards - This simply means that coaches must talk about why these situations have happened and a vote will be taken as to where these wrestlers should be seeded. Seeding points are not mandatory for these situations*

*NOTE 2: Moving two or more weight classes over a wrestler's lowest weight class (carries into Regions)*

*NOTE 3: Someone moving to another weight class AFTER the seeding*

f. **Movement after the Pre-seed will only be by Head-to-Head results.**

g. Seeding will be in accordance with the region and state tournament seeding guidelines below:

8. **FINAL SEED for the Districts**

1. HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION THIS SEASON.

2. First Step - eliminate round robin set of losses between 3 or more wrestlers. Might have to use loss twice to satisfy multiple round robins. A>B>C>A or A>B>C>D>A.

3. Next start with the best pre-seed and work down. Discuss every head-to-head match, with the best challenge heard first. Continue until all losses are satisfied and vote only with extenuating circumstances.

*NOTE: Majority of victories receives preference. Split decisions will be decided with the later win receiving preference*

4. The vote will result in the challenger moving ahead of the higher, pre-seeded wrestler, moving the remaining wrestlers down, OR to remain in the pre-seed placement.

9. **UNFAIR SEEDS**

Where it can be substantiated that an unfair seed has occurred, the tournament director must email the NJSIAA Tournament Director **by 2:00 pm Friday** to have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee 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 Wrestling Rules Book**. Failure to provide the Tournament Committee with an acceptable reason for default or forfeit could result in Executive Committee action. In other words, coaches are cautioned against the practice of “pulling” a wrestler out of the tournament because of a “sure” loss or pin possibility.

- c. Ineligible Wrestler- Participation by an ineligible wrestler in any match during the regular season results in forfeiture of said individual match.-The team score must be recalculated.
2. **RE-SEEDING** Follow same rules as used in seeding meeting but any replacement will be nominated, discussed and voted to any seed. All other wrestlers in that weight class will remain in seeded order, moving up or down to accommodate the replacement. **Whether there is a replacement or not there must be a reseed.** 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 12, 2018.**
2. **MATCH LENGTH**  
**See Group Sectionals**
3. **MATCH START** All matches, except finals, will follow regular match order: 108 through 287. Finals will be wrestled following a random draw which will take place prior to the weigh-ins Saturday when all coaches and wrestlers are present at the designated weigh-in time.
4. **EXHIBITION MATCHES** are not permitted.

**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** To be determined by host site

**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. **A wrestler withdrawing from the State Tournament must have a medical note signed by a physician in order to receive placement medals.**
  - b. Awarding medals and trophies should be handled in such a manner as to give true significance and recognition.
  - c. Flagrantly disqualified wrestlers will NOT receive any award or points.

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 every two years. More information available at njsiaa.org, wrestling, under the NWCA link. Their primary duty will be to represent their district at the region seed and to carry out the duties assigned by the Region President of the 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
  - c. District Assistant Coach of the Year

**All nominations must be in writing and ballots should be taken on Saturday morning**

3. **RECOMMENDED DRESS CODE FOR COACHES** It is highly recommended by this organization that when coaching at all events, especially at the State Team tournaments, Districts, Regions and State Championship that the coaching staff dress in a way that will make our association appear more professional. A suit, or slacks, a collared shirt, proper shoes or sneakers will make for a better presentation of our wrestling coaches. Please refrain from wearing work boots, sweat pants, shorts, jeans, t-shirts and the like as they do not represent us well in the eyes of the public.
4. **TEAM SCORING**- To determine Team Champion- Points kept in accordance with procedures in the 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**

**See Group Sectionals**