

**2018-2019 NJSIAA/ROTHMAN
INSTITUTE WRESTLING
TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS**

**GIRLS & BOYS STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

GIRLS STATE PLACEMENT: Thursday February 21

BOYS STATE Seeding Tuesday, February 26

STATE Championships Atlantic City

**Boys - Thursday – February 28
Boys & Girls - Friday – March 1
Boys & Girls Saturday – March 2**

New for this Year

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2. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING: Tuesday February 26, 2019** at 9:00 AM at NJSIAA Headquarters on Route 130 in Robbinsville, NJ

Girls State -INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

All of the guidelines for these rounds are the same as in the Regions unless noted below.

A. **DESCRIPTION- THE ULTIMATE GOAL- A State Championship** A 2 day, 3 round, tournament that is the final part of the Individual State Girls Wrestling Championships. Held at one (1) location, the **Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall**. There are 6 wrestlers left in the State Championship per weight class. **There are wrestlebacks to sixth place** and everyone that makes it through the **Friday night** rounds (final 6 wrestlers), are awarded medals.

B. **DATES AND TIMES**

1. **DATES-**

a. <u>Friday</u>	March 1, 2019	6:00 PM	Quarterfinals and semifinals to follow
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b. <u>Saturday</u>	March 2, 2019	10:00 AM	Consolations – semi finals Final consolations and Final Championships to follow
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	TBA	Awards and presentations
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NOTE: DOORS WILL OPEN ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE THE START OF WRESTLING FOR EACH DAY

2. **ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASSES:** Random Draw for the Finals only.

C. **WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES**

1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE** girls Weight Class- **102**; Friday: **102**, Saturday **103**: which includes **2 lb growth allowance**

2. **WEIGH-IN PERIOD**
Weigh in and weight check –see times and weights

WEIGH INS FOR EACH WEIGHT CLASS WILL BE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

3. **WEIGHMASTER**

The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by a weighmaster or designee on the weigh in form. An assigned official will check each wrestler for proper hair grooming, facial hair and fingernail length. **An approved hair covering as per NFHS Rule 4-2.2 is to be presented at weigh in.** Before being permitted to wrestle, any wrestler judged not fit to wrestle must present a written statement from an MD, DO, PA or APN using the proper NJSIAA skin lesion form, that an exam took place pertaining to that condition within the last seven (7) days clearing that contestant for competition

4. **WEIGHT CHECK**- ½ hour prior to the weigh-in period, WRESTLERS ONLY, no coaches.

D. Postponement Schedule

1. **DECISION AND NOTIFICATION**

When severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances necessitate postponement, the Tournament Director will make the final decision and should have an outlined procedure to inform the following; potential opponents, i.e., media **and** HHSUPPORT@njadvancemedia.com (732 902 4545), working personnel, assigned officials, the NJSIAA (609-259-2776), and the Wrestling Tournament Director, Mr. Howie O'Neil (h-856-845-2672) or (c-609-221-2216).

EXCEPT:

Tournament Director makes the decision and will call the NJSIAA, assigned officials and working personnel –

E. RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES

In case of inclement weather times and dates to be determined

F. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. **ENTRY FEE** – no new entry fee
2. **QUESTIONS**

Any doubt as to a wrestler's qualifications for the tournament contact Bill Bruno, Assistant Director 609 257 2776

G. PLACEMENT

Region champions will be separate and receive a bye in the first round of the tournament. The 3rd place wrestler will be placed in the same half bracket as their region champ. The second place wrestler is placed in the opposite half bracket of their region champ.

1. Placement will be done by **COMMITTEE** Chaired by the Tournament Director
2. **DATE/SITE OF THE PLACEMENT MEETING** **Thursday February 21, 2019** at **10:00 am** at NJSIAA Headquarters on Route 130 in Robbinsville, NJ.
3. **GOAL OF PLACEMENT**

- a. **Separate the best wrestlers**

- b. **If a wrestler is out of the tournament for any reason at any time a replacement will occur.**

H. FAILURE TO MAKE WEIGHT CLASS IN ATLANTIC CITY

- a. A replacement will occur after the initial weigh-in. The bracket will be amended

I. OFFICIALS AND MATCHES

1. There will be three (3) officials assigned for every mat prior to the finals. When contestants are tied at the end of the three regular periods, they will wrestle overtime.

J. TICKET AND ADMISSION INFORMATION

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES**

- a. One wrestler pass for each wrestler advancing to the states and administrator/coaches passes will be mailed directly to the schools Thursday after the regions

K. TICKET PRICES TBA

L. AWARDS

A wrestler withdrawing from the State Tournament must have a medical note signed by a physician in order to receive placement medals. All place winners must be present at the awarding of medals and the following picture ceremony in proper school uniform (i.e. NO hats, shorts, ripped shirts, blue jeans, flip flops, etc.). Coaches are responsible for the appearance of their wrestlers and any awards will be held by the NJSIAA if the wrestler is not in proper attire.

M. POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENTS

a. Conduct of Coaches, Officials and Contestants

1. **SPORTSMANSHIP**- Schools are not permitted to conduct pre-meet activities of an intimidating nature, (i.e. use of fog machine, blaring of sirens, unusual sound effects, strobe, unusual lighting effects, or similar type activities)
 - a. Sportsmanship needs to be promoted as much as possible. Officials are required to meet with coaches and captains to emphasize that everyone is to demonstrate good sportsmanship.
 - b. Line up for Introduction:
 1. Should individual wrestler introductions occur, wrestlers will stand in the proper introduction alignment until the introductions of all the wrestlers have been completed unless otherwise notified. Wrestlers will be attired in school-issued warm-ups, shorts, or singlets, and they are to be worn in the proper manner. No hats, caps, bandanas, head phones etc. will be worn.
 2. When the introduction of a wrestler has been made, the wrestler will go to the center of the mat and stand to await the introduction of his opponent. When 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.
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**.
3. **COACHES/CONTESTANT CONDUCT**: Will be Strictly Enforced.
Same as Regular Season

4. **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.

N. **ATHLETIC EMERGENCY PROCEDURE** Each school participating in an NJSIAA sanctioned event will provide for the care and treatment of their athletes within the school's policy as is in effect during the regular season, except when NJSIAA provides staff for athletic emergencies. The athletic emergency procedure of the host school will be in effect during the tournaments. The Site Manager will set up a line of communication for emergency treatment.

O. **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.

P **Sales and Solicitations:** Only NJSIAA promotional items will be sold at NJSIAA sponsored events. For the **2018-2019** season, Northwest Designs Ink is the NJSIAA approved merchandise provider. 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.

Q. NJSIAA BROADCASTING REGULATIONS

The NJSIAA has granted 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, streaming, 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.

Any third party seeking to create, distribute or otherwise exploit programming in connection with the NJSIAA sporting events in any media must contact the NJSIAA with a written request to broadcast. Any request will be subject to approval by the NJSIAA's broadcast partners and the NJSIAA Staff. Requests should be sent directly to Liz Nodeland (enodeland@njsiaa.org).

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, including but not limited to the information 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 does not permit sublicense or other use of the telecast).

C. WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES

1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE** Original Weight Class- 106; **Thursday 108; Friday 109; Saturday 110**

2. **WEIGH-IN PERIOD**

Same as Districts

EXCEPT:

- a. **Thursday**- Starts at 12:30 at 108 and concludes with 287 lb. weight class- fifteen (15) officials, Ballroom
- b. **Friday**- Starts at 7:30 at 109, concludes with the 288 lb. weight class- fifteen (15) officials, Ballroom
- c. **Saturday**- Starts at 8:30 at 110, concludes with the 289 lb. weight class- seven (7) officials, Ballroom

WEIGH INS FOR EACH WEIGHT CLASS WILL BE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

3. **WEIGHMASTER**

Same as Group Sectionals

4. **WEIGHT CHECK**- ½ hour prior to the weigh-in period, **WRESTLERS ONLY**, no coaches

D. POSTPONEMENT SCHEDULE

1. **DECISION AND NOTIFICATION**

Same as Group Sectionals

EXCEPT:

Tournament Director makes the decision and will call the NJSIAA, assigned officials and working personnel

E. RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES

In case of inclement weather times and dates to be determined

F. TEAM ASSIGNMENTS, SITES AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

State Championships, Atlantic City Boardwalk; Hall, Director: Howie O'Neil, Districts 1 - 32

G. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

1. **ENTRY FEE** No new entry fee.

2. **QUESTIONS**

Same as Districts

H. QUALIFYING CRITERIA

5. QUESTIONS

I. **SEEDING**

1. **COMMITTEE** Chaired by the Tournament Director who will break any tie votes, his designated Seeding Chairperson and the eight (8) Regional Presidents of the NJWCA.
2. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING** **Tuesday - February 26, 2019** at 9:00 AM at NJSIAA Headquarters on Route 130 in Robbinsville, NJ.
3. On Monday, Region Presidents will pre-seed assigned weight classes to present to the entire seeding committee on Tuesday.
4. **GOAL OF SEEDING**
 - a. Separate the best wrestlers
 - b. Pre-seed, head-to-head movement and seed only 1st, 2nd and 3rd place regions medal winners
 - c. 4th places – pre-seed then head-to-head between themselves for seeds 25-32
5. **STATE and REGION SEEDING CRITERIA: in order;**

I. **PRE-SEED**

- a. **Wrestlers Own Merit in A Previous Tournament** – this level or better
 1. **Higher placements(s) or further advancement(s)** in wrestlebacks will earn the better pre-seed.
 2. **Great number of appearances** – with the most recent advancement receiving preference.
NOTE: All wrestlers get credit for being here, minimum advancement if out
 3. **Returning at same weight** is better than one weight above, followed by one below, then two above, two below, etc.
- b. **Defeated a seeded wrestler(s)** in this weight class during this season.
NOTE: Better the defeated wrestler's advancement the higher the pre-seed. Use other victories using the criterion if needed. Wins vs. multiple opponents with same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice
- c. **Defeated any tournament participant(s)** from a previous year during this season.
NOTE: Better the defeated wrestler's advancement, the higher pre-seed. Use other victories using this criterion if needed
- d. **Pre-seed by winning percentage**, if tied, discuss and vote

6. HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPETITION – THIS SEASON

- a. 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.
- b. Second Step – 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

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

H. REPLACEMENT AND FORFEITURES

1. DEFINITIONS

- a. Replacement
- b. Forfeiture and Ineligible Wrestlers

Same as District

2. RESEEDING All appeals must be made by 12:00 Noon **Wednesday**. A re-seed/re-draw of wrestlers will occur before this time.

- a. If a wrestler is out of the tournament for any reason prior to 8:00 pm **Wednesday**, a reseed will occur.
- b. Any replacement will necessitate that Region to treat their four (4) remaining wrestlers as 1st (best remaining) 2nd (next best remaining) 3rd and 4th best remaining for reseeding purposes.
- c. If the 5th or 6th place Region finisher cannot replace an injured/withdrawn wrestler, then a walkover in that spot will occur.

3. FAILURE TO MAKE WEIGHT CLASS IN ATLANTIC CITY

- a. A reseed WILL NOT occur after the initial weigh-in.
- b. If there is a legal replacement from that Region the replacement will occupy the spot of the withdrawn wrestler.
- c. If no replacement then a walkover will occur in the first round.

I. OFFICIALS AND MATCHES

Same as District

EXCEPT:

1. There will be three (3) officials assigned for every mat prior to the finals, and **four (4)** are assigned for the finals. When contestants are tied at the end of the three regular periods, they will wrestle overtime.
2. The same officials cannot work the NJSIAA State Finals in consecutive years.

J. TICKET AND ADMISSION INFORMATION

1. ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES

- a. All Tickets and Weigh-In passes will be given by packet immediately following the Regions.
- b. Ticket prices - TBA

K. AWARDS

A wrestler withdrawing from the State Tournament must have a medical note signed by a physician in order to receive placement medals.

All place winners must be present at the awarding of medals and the following picture ceremony in proper school uniform (i.e. NO hats, shorts, ripped shirts, blue jeans, flip flops, etc.). Coaches are responsible for the appearance of their wrestlers and any awards will be held by the NJSIAA if the wrestler is not in proper attire. Coaches please see DISTRICTS Awards section as your association has recommendations towards attire.

1. NJSIAA AWARDS

- a. The Donald Ringler Award will be given to the Most Outstanding Wrestler.

2. NJWCA AWARDS- NJ Wrestling Coaches Association

- a. Harry E. Lake Award- Contributions to Wrestling
- b. State Assistant Coach of the Year
- c. Wilfred E. Cann Award- State Coach of the Year
- d. Ernie Finizio/Pug Williams Award- #1 Team in New Jersey

3. NJWOA AWARD- NJ Wrestling Officials Association

- a. Richard Mirshak Award- Premium Award for Officiating
- 4. Vincent Russo Golden Whistle Award – Excellence in Officiating**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENTS

Same as Group Sectionals