2019-2020 NJSIAA/ROTHMAN ORTHOPAEDICS WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS REGULATIONS

BOYS REGIONS & STATES

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FOR INFORMATION REGARDING GIRLS REGIONS AND STATES PLEASE REFER TO THE GIRLS REGIONS AND STATES RULES AND REGULATIONS

Wednesday - February 26
Friday – February 28
Saturday- February 29
REGION Seeding – No later than Monday of Region week

Championships Atlantic City

Thursday – March 5
Friday – March 6
Saturday – March 7
New for this Year

BOYS REGIONS

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Dates and Times
NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws

SPECIFIC SPORT REGULATIONS
(found in the NJSIAA Handbook, Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulation: Wrestling)

Wrestling

Section 1 Rules National Federation Wrestling Rules, unless modified herein, shall govern all NJSIAA meets.

Section 2 Start of Practice Monday after Thanksgiving – December 2, 2019

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule Thursday before Third Saturday of December – December 19, 2019

Section 4 End of Season

CL. 1 No varsity meets, regular season or tournaments, may be scheduled during or after the week of the District Tournament without NJSIAA approval unless said meet had been scheduled during the last week of the regular season and postponed.

CL. 2 Junior varsity and/or freshman wrestlers may not compete in matches or tournaments during the week of districts and regions.

CL. 3 No JV or freshman matches or tournaments shall be permitted after the district tournament.

Section 5 Transfers Any transfer on or after January 14, 2020 not eligible for postseason play (see Article V, Section 4. K. (2).c)

Section 6 Scrimmages Interschool scrimmages are to be limited to three (3) per week
until the first starting date; thereafter including the week of the first starting date, scrimmages will be subject to the provisions of Program Regulations, Section 7 Practices/Scrimmages/Games/Meets.

CL: Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable number of matches.

Section 7 Postponed Meets Any postponed meet may be added to the regular scheduling as noted in Section 8 Maximum Meets.

Section 8 Maximum Meets A team may not schedule nor may a wrestler participate in more than four weigh-ins per week. A team may schedule only one event involving more than four teams during the week. A two-day tournament with a weigh-in each day will count as one weigh-in.

NOTE: Make-up matches must fall within the four weigh-in regulations.

CL 1 A weigh in counts only if wrestler appears on the mat to accept forfeit or compete

CL 2: A wrestler may not compete in MORE than a maximum of 30 sub-varsity and/or varsity matches during the regular season (exclusive of the NJSIAA Tournament, Team and Individual). Teams not qualifying for or being eliminated from the Team Tournament may compete consistent with Section 8 Maximum Meets and such meets during the week of the Team Tournament will not count towards the maximum thirty (30) sub-varsity and varsity matches governing a wrestler. Thirty (30) sub-varsity and varsity matches are exclusive of NJSIAA Tournaments, both Individual and Team.

CL 3: No matches, regular season meets or tournaments may be scheduled during or after the week of the District Tournament, but a school may schedule interschool “workouts” (excluding match format-scoring, no officiating and no weigh-ins) the week of the Districts through the week of the State Finals.

CL 4: Two-day tournaments that are held on a Saturday and a Sunday will be considered as a tournament for the week of the initial day the tournament starts (in this case Saturday). A weigh-in for a two-day tournament starting on Saturday will count for the week the tournament started (in this case Saturday) and will not impact weigh-ins for the following week.

Section 9 Weight Certification

See Wrestling Regular Season Regulations.


Section 10 Weight Classification

Each Match – A wrestler’s actual weight, minimum certified weight, and weight class at which the wrestler participated must be recorded in the team’s scorebook. If there is no
scorebook the official will record final score on the Wrestling weigh in sheet(s) and these form(s) will become the official document(s) of the meet.

Section 11 Skin Infection/Contagious Disease
Before being permitted to wrestle, any wrestler previously judged not fit to wrestle must present, at weigh in, the original NJSIAA skin lesion form signed by-an MD, DO, PA or APN, certifying that an exam took place pertaining to that condition within the last seven (7) days, clearing that contestant for competition.

CL: Before the dual/individual meet begins, the referee shall perform skin checks, or verify skin checks have been performed by a designated, on-site, meet appropriate health professional.

Section 12 Equipment

Headgear – It is mandatory that all wrestlers wear a protective headgear at all times during practice and while participating in a match.

Section 13 Disqualifications

1. Any player with more than two flagrant disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of an NJSIAA tournament, will be ineligible to compete in said tournament.

2. Any varsity team accumulating more than two player and/or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of a tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

CL: Teams with more than two flagrant disqualifications cannot win a District Team Championship Title.
Boys Regions - Individual Championship Rules

All of the guidelines for the Regions are the same as in the District Tournament unless noted below

1. **DESCRIPTION**
   A three (3) day, 4-round qualifying tournament that is the second part of the Individual State Wrestling Championship. Held at eight (8) locations throughout NJ with four (4) Districts making up each Region. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishers in each weight class in each Region advance to the Championship tournament in Atlantic City.

2. **DATES AND TIMES**
   1. **DATES** Wednesday-February 26, Friday-February 28, and Saturday February 29, 2020
   2. **TIMES**
      a. Wednesday and Friday wrestling to start at 5:30 PM:
         Weigh in at 3:30 PM
      b. Saturday wrestling to start at 10:00 AM:
         Weigh in at 8:00 AM

3. **ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASSES** Random Draw may be used for the Finals only per NFHS Rule 5-21.1

4. **WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES**
   There is no weigh-in form

5. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE**
   Original Wt. Class 106; Wednesday & Friday- 108; Saturday- 109.

6. **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 108 lb. and conclude immediately following the 287 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.

EXCEPT:
   a. Wednesday- Same as District Friday, except District Champions **DO NOT** weigh in or wrestle.

6. **WEIGHMASTER**
   Same as Group Sectionals

7. **POSTPONEMENT/RESCHEDULE**
   **Decision and Notification**
   When severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances necessitate postponement/reschedule, the Site Manager will make the final decision and should have an outlined procedure to inform the following: opponents, media and HSSUPPORT@njadvancemedia.com or call 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). **Times will remain the same, 3:30 weigh in; wrestling 5:30 for the rescheduled date(s).**
   
   **Note:** Only regions that are postponed/rescheduled will receive the following allowances:

   **Wednesday match rescheduled:**
   One (1) pound for Thursday and one (1) pound for Friday, same (2) pounds for Saturday.

   **If pushed to Friday**
   Two (2) pounds on Friday and same two (2) pounds for Saturday.
8. **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS, SITES AND SITE MANAGERS**

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9. **DISTRICT/REGION REALIGNMENT**
   Same as Districts

10. **BOYS QUALIFYING CRITERIA**
    1. **QUALIFYING** Individuals must have placed in the Top Three (3) of the District, unless replacement.
    2. **QUESTIONS**
        Same as Districts

11. **SEEDING**
    1. **PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS**
        Same as Districts
    2. **SEEDING - By Committee Only**
        a. We will be using the past advancements in the previous state tournament to pre-seed the regions
        b. Committee chaired by the Regional Tournament Director, or designated Seeding Chairperson, who will break any tie votes, and four (4) District Representatives.
        c. Each District Rep may bring a *non-voting, non-speaking* assistant/coach. No other coaches.
    3. **DATE/SITE OF THE SEEDING MEETING**
        a. There will be only one (1) seeding meeting and it will be prior to the start of the Region tournament.
        b. Seeding meeting will take place no later than Monday of the Region week.
12. **GOAL OF SEEDING**
   a. Separate the best wrestlers
   b. District Champions received a BYE in the first round
   c. Pre-Seed, Head-to-Head movement and seed all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place district medal winners and/or replacement

13. **PRE-SEED CRITERIA – IN ORDER**
   a. Own Merit in a Previous Tournament – this level or better
      1. Higher replacement(s) or further advancements(s) in wrestlebacks will earn the better pre-seed.
         NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers are seeded then 4<sup>th</sup> are discussed after that to a seed
      2. Greater 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: The better the pre-seed the better the victory. Use other victories using this criterion, if needed
   c. Defeated any tournament participant(s) from a previous year 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
   d. Pre-seed by winning percentage - if tied, discuss and vote

14. **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. 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
   c. 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.
15. **COMPLETING BRACKET – ROUND OF 16**
   a. To ensure that district champs get a BYE in the first round all champs must be seeded in the top eight (8) spots.
      1. If a champ is seeded outside the top eight, that wrestler will be placed at the 8th seed and the other wrestlers will be moved to accommodate that placement. If multiple, use 7th and 8th spots, etc.
   b. The lowest four, 2nd/3rd seeds, will be paired with the highest four, 2nd/3rd
      1. The best seeded 2nd/3rd will be paired with the lowest seeded 2nd/3rd
      2. The 2nd best 2nd/3rd vs. the 2nd lowest 2nd/3rd, etc.

16. **INFORMING COACHES OF SEEDING**
   The Region President will make sure the newspapers and committee coaches relay the seeding information to all participating schools by Tuesday night.
   1. **UNFAIR SEEDS:** Same as District, except appeal must be made by 9:00 pm Tuesday.

17. **REGION WRESTLEBACKS**
   1. **WRESTLEBACKS**
      Starting in 2016 a 5th place consolation match has been added. Wrestlers will wrestleback to 3rd through 6th place in the regions.
   2. **TIMES**
      See DATES AND TIMES above
   3. **TOURNAMENT EXAMPLE**
      Approximate times
      a. **By Monday PM** - Entire tournament Seeded by committee (2 hours)
      b. **Wednesday** - Preliminary Round- 2nd and 3rd rounds- No champs (2 mats=4 hrs., 4 mats=2 hr)
      c. **Friday** - Quarterfinals (2 mats=4 hrs., 4 mats=2 hr)
      d. **Saturday AM** - Semifinals, (2 mats=2 hrs., 4 mats=1 hr)
          W/B-1, (2 mats=2 hrs., 4 mats=1 hr)
          W/B-2 (2 mats=2 hrs., 4 mats=1 hr)
      e. **Saturday PM** - Consolations to 5th (2 mats = 2 hours) Finals (1 mat= 2 ½ hr.)
18. REPLACEMENT AND FORFEITURES

1. DEFINITIONS
   a. Replacement
      Same as Districts
      EXCEPT:
      The replacement must have competed in the finals or consolations, IN THE
      DISTRICTS unless injured. Only someone placing 1st through 6th may be a
      replacement for the State Tournament at Atlantic City.
      NOTE: The coach of the withdrawn or possibly withdrawn wrestler
      must notify the coach of the 4th place finisher so that
      wrestler may be the third representative from that district
   b. Forfeiture and ineligible wrestlers
      Same as Districts

2. RE-SEEDING
   Any replacement will necessitate that District to treat their three (3) remaining
   wrestlers as 1st, (best remaining and receives a bye 1st round) 2nd (next best
   remaining) and 3rd place finishers (3rd best remaining).
   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” replacements alternate (see
      Qualifying Criteria). A re-seed must occur using the same initial region
      seed. Whether replacement or not there must be a reseed.

19. OFFICIALS AND MATCH INFORMATION
   Same as District
   EXCEPT:
   Wrestleback matches shall consist of three periods, each period will be two
   minutes in length. When contestants are tied at the end of the three regular
   periods, they will wrestle overtime.

20. COACHES/CONTESTANTS CONDUCT
   Same as Regular Season

21. TICKET AND ADMISSION INFORMATION
   1. ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES
      a. All Tickets will be given in a packet following the District Tournament
   2. TICKET PRICES TBA
22. **AWARDS AND TEAM SCORING**

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

**Same District**

**EXCEPT:**

1. There is NO team title or team scoring.
2. NJSIAA sponsored- First (1st) through fourth (4th) place medals will be awarded.
3. NJ Coaches Association (NJWCA) Awards. Coaches- Please see DISTRICTS Awards section as your association has recommendations towards attire.
   a. Region Most Outstanding Wrestler
   b. Region Coach of the Year
   c. Designation of the #1 Team in the Region.
   d. Region Assistant Coach of the Year
Boys States - Individual Championship Rules

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

1. DESCRIPTION
The ultimate goal- A State Championship A three (3) day, 4-6 round, 5 session, tournament that is the final part of the Individual State Wrestling Championships. Held at one (1) location, the Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall. There are thirty two (32) wrestlers left in the State Championship per weight class. There are wrestle-backs to third place and everyone that makes it through the Friday Night rounds (final 8 wrestlers), are awarded medals.

2. DATES AND TIMES
1. DATES-
   a. Thursday March 5 Preliminaries, Pre-Quarterfinals, WB1
   b. Friday March 6 Quarterfinals, semifinals
      WB2, WB3, WB4, WB5, WB6
   c. Saturday March 7 Medal Rounds (3rd, 5th, 7th)

2. TIMES-
   a. Thursday Session 1 12:00 noon
   b. Friday Session 2 9:00 am
      Session 3 6:00 pm
   c. Saturday:
      Session 4 10:00 am
      Session 5 Immediately following girl’s finals
      Approximately 1:30 pm

NOTE: DOORS WILL OPEN ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE THE START OF WRESTLING FOR EACH DAY

3. ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASSES: Random Draw may be used for the Finals only per NFHS Rule 5-21.1
3. **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 **10:00 am** at 108 and concludes with
         287 lb. weight class- fifteen (15) officials, Ballroom
      b. **Friday**- Starts at **7:00 am** at 109, concludes with the 288 lb.
         weight class- fifteen (15) officials, Ballroom
      c. **Saturday**- Starts at **8:00 am** 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

4. **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

5. **RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES**
   In case of inclement weather times and dates to be determined

6. **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS, SITES AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**
   State Championships, Atlantic City Boardwalk; Hall, Director: Howie O’Neil,
   Districts 1 – 32

7. **QUALIFYING CRITERIA**
   1. **ENTRY FEE** No new entry fee.
   2. **QUESTIONS**
      Same as Districts
8. 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, March 3, 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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **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
12. **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**