2019-2020
NJSIAA/ROTHMAN ORTHOPAEDICS
WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
REGULATIONS

GROUP SECTIONALS
AND
GROUP FINALS

GROUP SECTIONALS
Monday - February 10, 2020
Wednesday - February 12, 2020
Friday - February 14, 2020

GROUP FINALS
Sunday - February 16, 2020

Teams not wishing to enter the team tournament must notify NJSIAA by utilizing the OPT-OUT PROCEDURE BY JANUARY 28, 2020

Entry Fee to the Team Tournament of $80.00 is due once seeded
Throughout the entire season, match results **MUST** be entered following each meet into the trackwrestling program. Results will be sent automatically from trackwrestling to njschoolsports.com. Schedules will be automatically downloaded to njschoolsports.com from rSchoolToday and ScheduleStar prior to the start of the season. You are also **REQUIRED** to enter your rosters prior to the start of the season into njschoolsports.com. Please check njschoolsports.com periodically to make sure all your matches, schedule and roster information is up to date.
NJSIAA Constitution & Bylaws

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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES
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 post-season 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. Section 1 Rules National Federation Wrestling Rules, unless modified herein, shall govern all NJSIAA meets.
NJSIAAA Rules Changes
2019-2020
GROUPS SECTIONALS
New for this Year

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1. Times for State Team Sectionals: NO EXCEPTIONS
Start time: 6:00
Weigh In: 4:30

2. The 70% rule has changed to 60% against New Jersey Schools

3. TO QUALIFY
By the cut-off date (Saturday, February 1, 2020) teams must have wrestled at least 10 dual meets against NJSIAA MEMBER SCHOOLS. NO EXCEPTIONS – NO WAIVERS
GROUP SECTIONALS

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

POST SEASON

1. **TO QUALIFY**
   By the cut-off date (Saturday, **February 1, 2020**) teams must have wrestled at least 10 dual meets against NJSIAA MEMBER SCHOOLS. **NO EXCEPTIONS – NO WAIVERS.** The power point ranking system will be used to determine the field of 8 (eight) qualifying teams. See Team Classifications at [www.njsiaa.org](http://www.njsiaa.org)

2. **All sectional meets must start at 6:00 with weigh in at 4:30 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

3. The NFHS afforded each state association the opportunity to adopt a policy in regards to leg "sleeves." The NJSIAA wrestling committee has decided that leg "sleeves" are prohibited unless prescribed by a doctor. The wrestler must present their doctor's note at the weigh-in/skin check time. Failure to present that note during weigh-in/skin check time and the wrestler reporting to the scorer's table with a leg sleeve would incur a technical violation infraction **NFHS Rule 5-27-1c** "Reporting to the scorer's table not properly equipped, ready to wrestle or any equipment that is detected as being illegal after the match has started."
   
   **Rationale:** Leg sleeves offer little or no protection and an opponent could be placed at a disadvantage if that sleeve twists, rises or falls during competition. A doctor's note would be valid for the entire **2019-20** season. With that said, as per the NFHS, wrestlers CAN wear a knee-pad leg sleeve providing the padding is attached as with a traditional knee-pad (no doctor note required). Again, it has to have attached padding to be proper.

4. A one pound allowance will be granted on Monday during the regular season and Monday of the Team Sectionals.

5. Sectional seeding will be from top to bottom and ends when 8 did not lose to 9.

6. Protests must be in email form for easy distribution to committee. All protests must go through the tournament director of that event.

7. **Home schools must have ONE certified scale for weigh-ins. See NFHS rule 2-4.1**

8. **If only one scale is available, a contestant may step on and off that scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in the scale. If multiple scales are available, a contestant may also step on and off the first scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in that scale. If the contestant fails to make weight on the first scale the contestant shall immediately step on each available scale one time in an attempt to**
make weight. During time off the scale(s), activities that promote dehydration, weight loss or weight gain are prohibited. See NFHS Rule 4-5.3

9. Coaches must present weigh-in sheet and if there is a disagreement/irregularity a descent plan must be in the mat area – failure to produce both forms – One team point deduction.

10. Attendance form for Group Sectionals and Finals must be completed for entrance into event.

11. An $80.00 fee to enter the team state tournament is to be sent to NJSIAA.

12. Postponement Schedule
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: potential opponents, i.e., all teams in group and section, 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).
Group-Sectionals

Athletes and coaches must be seated on the team bench/chairs, behind the bench/chairs or in the locker room during opponent’s warm-up. No athletes or coaches are permitted to stand on edge of mats. A 1 point team deduction will be imposed and an unsportsmanlike consequence may also be imposed if a school is found to be in violation.

Music of any sort is permissible providing it is NOT played during each individual match. It can be played before the meet begins, during team warm-ups and between individual matches. It CANNOT be played from the start of an individual match through the end of that individual match.

1. **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 Championship Team advances in the **Group Final** team tournament.

   Tournaments conducted by the state high school association (NJSIAA) for qualification to the state high school championships (Sectionals) and the championships themselves (Group Finals) shall be determined by the individual organization (NJSIAA). Each state is privileged to conduct those tournaments as best suits its needs. This authorization applies to NFHS Rules 10 and 11 only.

   **Clarification:** In essence, wrestlers ARE NOT required to weigh-in at the same weight class each day of the sectionals/group finals. Wrestlers may only compete in weight classes as designated in trackwrestling.

2. **DATES**
   a. Monday, February 10, 2020, one (1) round, Sectional Quarterfinal round
   b. Wednesday, February 12, 2020, one (1) round, Sectional Semifinal round
   c. Friday, February 14, 2020, one (1) round, Sectional Finals

3. **TIMES**
   All Sectional Meets- will start at 6:00 PM. Weigh in at 4:30
   NO EXCEPTIONS

4. **SCORES – TRACKWRESTLING PROCEDURE**
   All results are required to be entered into trackwrestling within 48 hours of the event time. A warning will be given to a school the first time it fails to comply with the reporting requirement. Future instances will be subject to a $150.00 fine, which is consistent with NJSIAA practice in other sports regarding late entries and late reporting results.
5. **WEIGH IN PROCEDURE**

After a competition every wrestler’s exact weight must be recorded in trackwrestling OPC in a timely manner. Each wrestler will have two (2) “open weigh-ins.” The wrestler’s exact weight must be recorded in trackwrestling prior to the production of the official weigh-in form for the second competition after said meet or tournament. Example: Team has a dual meet on Friday, tournament on Saturday, and dual meet on Monday. The exact weights for Friday’s meet must be recorded prior to the production of the weigh-in sheet for Monday’s meet. If a wrestler’s weight has not been entered for two (2) weigh-ins, that wrestler’s name cannot be added to a new weigh-in sheet.

6. **OFFICIALS**

Officials will alternate after each match of the group sectional finals

7. **ATHLETIC 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 meets 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.

8. **WEIGH IN PROCEDURE**

1. **WEIGHT ALLOWANCE**

   a. Wrestlers may never wrestle below their minimum weight classification.
   b. A contestant shall not wrestle more than one weight class above that class for which the contestant’s actual stripped weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies the contestant.
   c. If wrestlers weigh in more than one weight class above what their descent plan allows on that day, the wrestlers will lose their lowest certification for the year. In the examples the original weight classes are used. Please be sure to use the actual weight classes when the event occurs which will reflect any weight allowances, i.e., growth allowance, missed practice time (no school), etc.

   The following are the list of allowances:

   aa A one pound allowance will be granted on Monday during the regular season and Monday of the Team Sectionals.
   bb. Meets or tournaments postponed due to weather from Saturday to Monday will receive a two pound allowance on Monday (one pound weather AND one pound Monday allowance.) At no time can weight allowances exceed two pounds.
   cc. The two pound growth allowance has been moved from January 1 to January 15.

**EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE WEIGHT CLASSES**

   a. If wrestlers are certified at 120 they cannot weigh-in over 126 without losing their 120 pound eligibility.
   b. If wrestlers weigh in at 126 pounds or less for the 126 weight class wrestlers may wrestle 132 at meet time without losing their 120 eligibility
   c. If wrestlers weigh in above 126 pounds, wrestlers can wrestle at the 132 weight class but will lose their eligibility at 120 since the wrestlers have weighed in more than one weight class above the certified weight
9. **WEIGH IN PERIOD – MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**
   a. Will begin 1.5 hours (4:30) before the scheduled start (6:00) of the first meet.
   b. All contestants 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. The dual weigh-in procedure has been aligned with the random draw to provide maximum preparation and warm-up time for the first contestants scheduled to compete in dual meets.
   e. All contestants shall weigh in wearing a suitable under garment. See NFHS Rule 4-5.7
   f. Visiting team (lower 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. **Home schools must have ONE certified scale for weigh-ins.** See NFHS rule 2-4.1
   i. If only one scale is available, a contestant may step on and off that scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in the scale. If multiple scales are available, a contestant may also step on and off the first scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in that scale. If the contestant fails to make weight on the first scale the contestant shall immediately step on each available scale one time in an attempt **to make weight.** During time off the scale(s), activities that promote dehydration, weight loss or weight gain are prohibited. See NFHS Rule 4-5.3
   j. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period and the contestant’s actual weight will determine the weight class.
   k. 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.
   l. 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.
   m. Coaches need to exchange the-trackwrestling computer generated weigh-in forms and if there is a disagreement/irregularity a descent plan form must be presented and followed. The trackwrestling computer generated weigh in form needs to be completed and signed by the opposing coach for all weigh-ins throughout the year, including all tournaments and dual meets. The original completed copy of the trackwrestling computer generated weigh in forms and descent plans must be at weigh in and kept in the mat area during all competitions. Keeping all these forms will be imperative to prove the exact weight class, especially when establishing the lowest possible weight at the lowest possible weight class for the year end state tournaments.

   **NOTE 1:** Coaches that have wrestlers that are not listed on the trackwrestling computer generated weigh in sheet must produce a descent plan for those wrestlers as verification that those wrestlers are eligible to wrestle on that day or the wrestlers are ineligible to participate

   **NOTE 2:** One (1) team point will be deducted for failure to have the trackwrestling weigh in sheet and/or descent plan at mat side
10. **NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS**
   Teams may weigh-in three (3) wrestlers in each weight class each day. A wrestler **must** be listed on the Team Sectional Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh In Form to be eligible
   NOTE: This weigh-in form will be used for the admission of the wrestlers

11. **ORDER OF WEIGHT CLASS**
   The random draw shall take place immediately preceding weigh-ins. The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by an official or designee on the trackwrestling generated weigh-in form.

12. **WEIGHTMASTER**
   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. 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 NJSSIAA skin lesion form that an exam took place pertaining to that condition within the last seven (7) days clearing that contestant for competition.

13. **COACHES/CONTESTANTS CONDUCT**
   Same as Regular Season

14. **DISQUALIFIED WRESTLER**
   Same as Regular Season

15. **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; potential opponents, i.e., all teams in group and section, 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).

16. **RESCHEDULED DATES AND TIMES**
   a. Monday, Wednesday and Friday session postponement rescheduled the following day.
   b. Weigh-in and start times remain the same. If consecutive days of competition occur, a weight allowance of one (1) pound will be granted, as per rule.

17. **QUALIFYING CRITERIA**
   Your school must be a member in good standing, which means:
   a. The NJSIAA office has received your **2019-2020** membership dues
   b. The NJSIAA office has on file your **2019-2020** resolution card
   c. The NJSIAA office has on file your **2019-2020** coaches and principal’s affidavit
   d. Your school has no outstanding invoices more than 90 days overdue
   *Reminder: Any athlete with two disqualifications during the season is not eligible for participation in any NJSIAA tournament for that sport*
Teams not wishing to enter the wrestling tournament must notify the NJSIAA utilizing the 2019-2020 Tournament OPT-OUT Procedure (NJSIAA Website) by January 28, 2020. Teams not opting out by January 28, 2020 will be seeded.

18. **ENTRY FEE**
   Eighty ($80) for each selected school, to be mailed to the NJSIAA.

19. **TO QUALIFY**
   By the cut-off date (Saturday, **February 1, 2020**) teams must have wrestled at least 10 dual meets against NJSIAA MEMBER SCHOOLS. **NO EXCEPTIONS – NO WAIVERS.** The power point ranking system will be used to determine the field of 8 (eight) qualifying teams. See Team Classifications at [www.njsiaa.org](http://www.njsiaa.org)

   NOTE 1: **Sixty percent (60%)** of dual meets wrestled before the cutoff of **February 1, 2020** must be against New Jersey schools. Competition against non-NJSIAA member New Jersey schools are included in the 60% rule.

   NOTE 2: If a wrestler competes in more than the allotted 30 matches by the NJSIAA cutoff date, each match in excess of 30 will be deemed a disqualification (DQ) and that wrestler will incur a loss by DQ for each match over 30. If the opponent of the illegal participant incurred a loss, their record would change to reflect “winner by DQ.” Team scores would be adjusted accordingly. The coach and/or school may incur a fine of $500.00 and/or disciplinary action for this infraction.

20. **QUALIFYING EXCEPTIONS**
   Any undefeated and untied team with criteria will be included.

21. **QUALIFYING NOTES**
   Any meet wrestled after the cut-off date will NOT count toward qualification or seeding, regardless of the reason, even if the cause is an act of God.

22. **SELECTION, SEEDING AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**
   Selected ranking chairmen/designee per region and chaired by the Tournament Director.

2. **DATE/SITE OF THE SELECTION/SEEDING MEETING**
   Tuesday- **February 4, 2020** at 9:00 AM, at NJSIAA Headquarters on Route 130, in Robbinsville, NJ.

3. **NOTIFICATION TO SELECTED SCHOOLS**
   Contact Region President by Wednesday, **February 5, 2020.**
23. **RANKING SYSTEM**

The Selection Committee will use the following system to select and seed the eight (8) 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 last year in the district. (1.0- none, 1.1-one, 1.2-two, etc.)
   
   NOTE: 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 15 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.
24. **REGULAR SEASON RANKING**

a. **Dual Meets**

Team Points are awarded for dual meet wins and losses. Use the **Ranking Scale** 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 check and verify their team’s records and scores with their Ranking Chairman prior to the seeding meeting via email.

**Ranking Scale-2019-2020**

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Losing team cannot receive more power points in a meet than the winning team. Only the 10 best competitions results against NJSIAA member schools will be considered for their power point ranking.

b. **How To Calculate Tournament**

An individual bracketed four team tournament does not count. A dual meet tournament does count.

c. **Tournaments and Out-of-State Competition**

1. Results of regular season individual tournaments will NOT count for ranking purposes.
2. Ranking will be based upon in-state competition against NJSIAA member schools; however, the Selection Committee will consider all dual meet competition in the final selections/seedings.
d. **Compiling Points**
   This quotient or average of your 10 best power point producing meets against NJSIAA member schools is compared to that of the other teams to determine its rank position.

e. **Final Ranking**
   1. 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.
   2. When wrestling a team multiple times in the same season, each team will use only the result that will benefit that team the most.

f. **Seeding Criteria**
   1. Groups Sectional seeding will be from top to bottom
   2. At the time of the State cut-off date, if the power points of the best 10 meets against NJSIAA member schools results in a tie between teams, the following criteria will be used in weighted order:
      a. Head to Head
         1. Majority of wins earn the better seed
         2. Split decisions goes to the latest winning team
      b. Power point average for all meets
      c. Common Opponents
         1. Comparing wins and losses, not point differential
      d. Overall winning percentage
      e. If still tied, representatives will speak for each team for 2 minutes and a vote of the committee will be final
   3. All teams are pre-seeded by power points per group, with the higher pre-seed challenged first.
   4. Head-to-Head results receive consideration only when a lower ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately higher (immediately above).
      NOTE: When teams split meets during this season, the team that wins the later meet will receive the better seed
   5. Movement in seed may occur only one step at a time on the basis of the Head to Head criterion (i.e. If 8th in rank has defeated 7th in rank/seed, then they switch positions)
   6. The field is set when the 9th team didn’t beat the 8th team.
   7. The 9th then 10th 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 6** forcing a re-seed with teams moving up to fill the void and the 8th replacing the 7th spot, etc. Any team withdrawal after that time will result in a walk-over for that originally scheduled opponent.

25. **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 6**. Where it can be substantiated that an unfair seed, or condition has occurred, the school
must email 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, athletic 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.

26. **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS, SITES AND SITE MANAGERS**

   **STARTING TIMES FOR ALL ROUNDS 6:00 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

1. **SECTIONAL QUARTERFINALS** Monday, February 10, 2020
   START TIMES:  6:00 PM
   #8 Seed vs. #1 Seed @ #1 Seed:   #7 Seed vs. #2 Seed @ #2 Seed
   #6 Seed vs. #3 Seed @ #3 Seed:   #5 Seed vs. #4 Seed @ #4 Seed

2. **SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS** Wednesday, February 12, 2020:
   #8/1 winner vs. #5/4 winner @ higher seed remaining in half bracket
   #6/3 winner vs. #7/2 winner @ higher seed remaining in half bracket

3. **SECTIONAL FINALS** Friday, February 14, 2020 @ higher seeded team remaining

27. **PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS WEEK OF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FEB. 9-15, 2020**

1. **NON-SELECTED TEAMS** - Meets wrestled do NOT count toward the thirty (30) maximum.
   a. Permitted to wrestle within the limitations of Specific Sport Regulations (found in the NJSIAA Handbook 2019-2020 Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations: Wrestling)

2. **SELECTED TEAMS**
   May NOT wrestle prior to their first tournament meet this week (unless declared Champion)

3. **SELECTED TEAMS THAT ARE ELIMINATED DURING THE WEEK**
   a. Still permitted to wrestle but must adhere to limitations in Specific Sport Regulations (found in the NJSIAA Handbook 2019-2020 Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations: Wrestling)
28. **TICKET AND ADMISSION INFORMATION**

1. **ADMISSION OF WRESTLERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND COACHES**
   Must be listed on the [Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-In Form](#). There will be **NO** tickets given out for admission.

   **NOTE:** Teams must use group team wrestling championship school admission and weigh-in forms (2 copies) located on the following site: [www.trackwrestling.com](http://www.trackwrestling.com)

2. **TICKET PRICES:** To be set by schools hosting the event

29. **REPLACEMENT AND FORFEITURES**

1. **USE OF AN INELIGIBLE WRESTLER**
   See Regular Season

30. **OFFICIALS AND MEETS**

1. **OFFICIALS** - There will be one official assigned for the quarterfinals who will act as official and weighmaster, two for the semifinals and two for the finals one working as official and one working as weighmaster. All officials will be assigned by the State Team Assignors.

   The expenses for the first two rounds of the sectionals are the responsibility of the host school and all officials will be paid out of gate for those first two rounds. Fee schedule is as follows:

   - Officials: $85.00
   - Weighmaster: $50.00
   - First round quarterfinals one official/weighmaster: $135.00

   The expenses for the Sectional Finals and Group Finals are the responsibility of NJSIAA and the officials will be paid by refpay.

   a. Officials must be confirmed by host Site Manager no later than Friday, **February 7, 2020.**
   b. Jurisdiction time of the referee begins upon arrival at the site and concludes with the approval of the scorebook and/or verification of final score.

2. **MATCH LENGTH** - All matches, 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 meet. A fall ends the meets at any time.

3. **FIRST MATCH** Draw for 1st match immediately preceding weighs-in and continue weigh-ins in that order.
31. **HOME/VISITOR SELECTION**
Teams will NOT be pre-determined “Home” or “Visitor.” A pre-meet coin toss will determine odd and even meet which in turn dictates the following:
   a. Which team will send their wrestler to the scorer’s table first and who then cannot be withdrawn or replaced without being disqualified.
   b. Which team will have the choice of selecting top, bottom, neutral or deferring to begin the second period.

32. **AWARDS AND TEAM SCORING**
1. **AWARDS**: A trophy to the Team Champion in each Group in each Section will be awarded at completion of meet. 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 Tournament Scoring,
3. **DUAL MEET TIE-BREAKER**: If a tie exists between the teams in the Team Championships, the criteria listed in the NFHS rule book will be in effect.

THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL NJSIAA WRESTLING STATE TOURNAMENTS

33. **POLICIES AND 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/her opponent. When his/her 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.

**B. 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.

**C. Infectious Disease Policy**

**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 2019-2020 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.
34. **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).
NJSIAA Rules Changes
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GROUPS FINALS
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B. Dates and Times
Group-Finals Team Championship

All results are required to be entered into trackwrestling within 48 hours of the event time. A warning will be given to a school the first time it fails to comply with the reporting requirement. Future instances will be subject to a $150.00 fine, which is consistent with NJSIAA practice in other sports regarding late entries and late reporting results.

After a competition every wrestler’s exact weight must be recorded in trackwrestling OPC in a timely manner. Each wrestler will have two (2) “open weigh-ins.” The wrestler’s exact weight must be recorded in trackwrestling prior to the production of the official weigh-in form for the second competition after said meet or tournament. Example: Team has a dual meet on Friday, tournament on Saturday, and dual meet on Monday. The exact weights for Friday’s meet must be recorded prior to the production of the weigh-in sheet for Monday’s meet. If a wrestler’s weight has not been entered for two (2) weigh-ins, that wrestler’s name cannot be added to a new weigh-in sheet.

1. 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 where the team champion of all five (5) public school groups and two (2) Non-public school groups will be determined.

NOTE: Team rosters for the tournament program are due on February 5, 2020 and must be submitted by the “interactive roster form” found on the following site: Check the site to ensure your roster is posted: www.njschoolsports.com
2. **DATES AND TIMES**

1. **DATES:** Sunday, February 16, 2020
   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 7:30 AM Wrestling starts- 9:00 AM on 4 mats
   b. **Session 2** Weigh-In begins 10:00 AM Wrestling starts- 11:30 AM on 4 mats
   c. **Session 3** Weigh-In begins 12:30 PM Wrestling starts- 2:00 PM on 4 mats
   d. **Session 4** Wrestling starts- 5:00 PM on 3 mats
   e. **Session 5** Wrestling starts 7:00 PM on 2 mats
   Public schools will rotate annually

3. **PAIRINGS:** The pairings for are as follows:
   a. **Session 1** Semi Finals Group IV mats 1 & 2
      Semi Finals Group III mats 3 & 4
   b. **Session 2** Semi Finals Group I mats 1 & 4
      Finals Non-Public A mat 2
      Finals Non-Public B mat 3
   c. **Session 3** Semi Finals Group V mats 1 & 2
      Semi Finals Group II mats 3 & 4
      BREAK
   d. **Session 4** Finals Group IV mat 1
      Finals Group III mat 2
      Final Group I mat 3
   e. **Session 5** Finals Group V mat 1
      Finals Group II mat 2

**NOTE:** There will be a 10 minute warm-up period per team prior to the starting times listed above

**WEIGHT IN PROCEDURE**

SAME AS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT TIMES LISTED ABOVE

**NOTE:** Teams weigh-in at their 1st session only.

3. **POSTPONEMENT SCHEDULE**

1. **DECISION AND NOTIFICATION**
   Same as Group Sectionals

2. **RESCHEDULE DATES AND TIMES**- Determined and communicated to sites and teams by NJSIAA.
4. **ROTATING HOST SITE SCHEDULE**
If postponed, and the tournament cannot be held at the original site, the 2020 season hosts are:

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5. **QUALIFYING CRITERIA**
1. **Entry Form**: Group Team Wrestling Championships School Admission and Weigh-in Form located on trackwrestling.com

6. **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.

7. **PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS THE WEEK OF GROUP TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**
**SELECTED TEAMS THAT ARE ELIMINATED**
See Group Sectionals

8. **REPLACEMENT AND FORFEITURES**
1. **Use of an Ineligible Wrestler**
   See Group Sectionals

9. **Officials and Meet Information**
1. **Officials** Assigned by the Group Final Assignor with two (2) officials per mat, one official assigned as weighmaster. Weighmaster or designee must record weight of participants, not coaches. Officials will be confirmed by host site no later than Friday, February 14, 2020.

10. **Match Length**
    See Group Sectionals

11. **Home/Visitor Selection**
    See Group Sectional

12. **Exhibition Matches** are not permitted.
13. **TICKET AND ADMISSION INFORMATION**

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

2. **TICKET PRICES**  
   TBA  
   **NOTE:** The arena will be cleared after the 2:00 pm session, before the start of the 5:00 pm session.

14. **AWARDS AND TEAM SCORING**

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