



**To: NJSIAA Member Schools**  
**From: Kim DeGraw-Cole, NJSIAA Assistant Director**  
**Date: March 1, 2021**  
**RE: NJSIAA Individual Wrestling Tournament**

The NJSIAA wrestling committee is pleased to announce the following plans for the NJSIAA Individual Wrestling Tournament. Details continue to evolve and will be announced when available. The information below is meant to provide an overview of both the boys and girls individual tournaments scheduled for April 2021.

### **Girls Wrestling**

The girls wrestling tournament will be split up into two regional tournaments, one north and one south, prior to the state finals.

#### **Regions – Saturday, April 3, 2021 – Sessions TBD**

- North – Union High School
- South – Williamstown High School

#### **Region Selection and Seeding:**

- Coaches will submit wrestlers for consideration no later than Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm.
- Once a wrestler is submitted for consideration, their weight class is locked – there will be no changes after the deadline for any reason.
- The Girls Wrestling Selection/Seeding Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The Selection/Seeding Committee will be comprised of tournament staff and coaches from across the state.
- The Selection/Seeding Committee will select and seed the top 8 wrestlers in each weight class for each Region and 4 alternates for each Region will be selected in rank order. The committee will use the same seeding criteria as in prior years.
- The top 4 wrestlers in each Region will advance to the state finals.

#### **State Finals – Saturday, April 10, 2021**

- The State Finals Girls Wrestling Seeding Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.
- Host Site – Phillipsburg High School

### **Boys Wrestling**

The boys wrestling tournament will be split up into four regional sites (each of which combines two Traditional Regions, based on geography) prior to the state finals. The regions specific to this year shall be referred to as “Combined Regions”.

#### **Combined Regions – Saturday, April 17, 2021, and Sunday, April 18, 2021**

- North I, which is comprised of Traditional Regions 1 and 2. Host Site: Mt. Olive HS.
- North II, which is comprised of Traditional Regions 3 and 4. Host Site: Union HS.
- Central, which is comprised of Traditional Regions 5 and 6. Host Site: Hunterdon Central HS.

- South, which is comprised of Traditional Regions 7 and 8. Host Site: Cherry Hill East HS.

#### **Sessions – 4 Combined Region Sites:**

- Saturday, April 17, 2021:
  - AM Session – 10:00am. Weight classes: 106, 113, 120, 126
  - PM Session – 4:00pm. Weight classes: 132, 138, 145
- Sunday, April 18, 2021:
  - AM Session – 10:00am. Weight classes: 152, 160, 170, 182
  - PM Session – 4:00pm. Weight classes: 195, 220, 285

#### **Combined Region Selection and Seeding:**

- Coaches will submit wrestlers for consideration no later than Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 5:00pm.
- Once a wrestler is submitted for consideration, their weight class is locked – there will be no changes after the deadline for any reason.
- Boys Wrestling Combined Region Selection Committee meeting – Sunday, April 11, 2021.
  - There will be 8 Selection Committees – one for each Traditional Region. Each Selection Committee will be composed of the NJWCA Region President plus 4 coaches – one coach from each District in the Region – for a total of 5 members.
  - Selection Committees will select the top 3 wrestlers in each District per weight class.
  - There are four districts in each Traditional Region, therefore, there will be a total of 12 wrestlers per weight class selected from each Traditional Region and sent to the Combined Region Seeding Committee.
  - As there are two Traditional Regions in each Combined Region, there will be a total of 24 wrestlers, per weight class, sent to each Combined Region Seeding Committee for consideration.
  - Selection criteria will be provided to each NJWCA Region President to ensure consistency among Combined Regions.
- Boys Wrestling Combined Region Seeding Committee meeting – Monday, April 12, 2021
  - Each Combined Region will have its own seeding committee, to be composed of 1 administrator, the 2 NJWCA Region Presidents, and 2 coaches from each Traditional Region, for a total of 7 members.
  - Combined Region Seeding Committees will seed the top 16 wrestlers in each weight class and rank the remaining 8 wrestlers in order as alternates.
  - Each Combined Region Seeding Committee will use the Region seeding criteria, consistent with prior years.
- Coaches on the Selection Committees will not be eligible to serve on the Seeding Committees.
- Wrestle-backs will begin at the quarterfinal round 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded.
- The top 4 wrestlers per weight class at each Combined Region site will advance to state finals, for a total of 16 wrestlers per weight class.

#### **State Finals – Saturday, April 24, 2021, and Sunday, April 25, 2021**

- Host Site – Phillipsburg High School

#### **State Finals Seeding:**

- The Boys Wrestling State Seeding Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.
- The State Seeding Committee will be chaired by the Tournament Director and will include the 8 NJWCA Regional Presidents.
- State seeding criteria will be used, consistent with prior years.
- Sessions will be dependent on host site and will be announced at a later date
- Wrestle-backs will be announced once host site is determined – 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded.