

Wrestling

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

Section 2 Start of Practice Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 6.

Section 3 Start of Regular Schedule Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 8.

Section 4 End of Season Provided for in Program Regulations, Section 10.

CL 1: No varsity meets, regular season or tournament, 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 weeks of the District and Region tournaments.

CL 3: No junior varsity or freshman matches or tournaments shall be permitted after the District tournament.

Section 5 Transfers A student who transfers after the NJSIAA Competition Start Date for each sport, regardless of whether the transfer was the result of a bona fide change of residence, shall be ineligible to participate in any post-season championship competition at the new school.

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.

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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 the wrestler appears on the mat to accept forfeit or to 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.

CL 5: For those events that qualify as “Elite Events,” to be determined on a yearly basis, the restrictions applicable to this Section 8 shall not apply, with the exception of the requirement that a wrestler may only participate in up to four weigh-ins per week. Additionally, only one wrestler per weight class, per team shall be permitted to participate on the same day. For example, if a 285-pound wrestler on Team A wrestles at an Elite Event, Team A will not be permitted to enter another 285-pound wrestler in any other event on the same day.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the following Elite Events shall qualify for this rule clarification. The events that qualify as Elite Events shall be reviewed annually.

- *Beast of the East, University of Delaware, December 18-19, 2021*
- *Sam Cali Tournament, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Date TBD*
- *Escape the Rock, Council Rock High School, Pennsylvania, January 15-16, 2022*

Section 9 Weight Certification

See Wrestling Regular Season Regulations.

Weight Classes: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, 285

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. NFHS Rule 3-1-4a; 3-1-5a.

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.