



2021-22 NJSIAA Boys Team Wrestling Tournament

The NJSIAA reserves the right to adjust, change or cancel dates, times, and locations for all NJSIAA State tournaments. Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SAT's, graduation, and the like. In addition, all schools competing in this tournament must adhere to the NJSIAA state tournament COVID-19 policy which can be found on our website under current resources or by following this link: <https://www.njsiaa.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-11/njsiaa-state-tournament-policy.pdf>

Member schools not willing or able to comply with all tournament regulations should not enter the tournament. Member schools will not be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the NJSIAA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures.

In all tournaments conducted by the NJSIAA, each member school must compete in its own group and section classification, unless fewer than eight (8) schools qualify. In that case, the Executive Committee may combine one or more groups. When the committee eliminates sectional championships because of an insufficient number of schools qualifying, the State Group Championships will be conducted on a statewide quartile basis or State Championships may be conducted without regard to Groups or Division.

Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all contests. Copies of these documents are also available on the NJSIAA website.

The NFHS wrestling rules along with any NJSIAA wrestling rule modifications will govern this tournament.

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New for This Year's State Tournament

1. Public School rounds 1 & 2 will be contested on the same day (Monday) with sectional finals on Wednesday and the State Group Semifinals on Friday.
2. For the first two rounds, host (Highest seed) schools will be required to get the officials and pay for them.
3. The NJSIAA will assign and pay for all officials starting with the sectional finals.
4. PLEASE NOTE - Returning district place winners from the 2020-21 season will not be used in the preseason rankings this year due to the COVID disruptions.

Entry Procedure

1. All varsity schedules & rosters must be entered in www.njschoolsports.com by the start of the season. Rosters must be checked and updated if necessary, by the start of the tournament. We cannot guarantee any roster changes made after the start of the tournament will make it into the tournament program. If you encounter problems, please contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com.
2. All varsity scores must be reported to TrackWrestling as soon as possible after each contest but within 48 hours. If results are not recorded in TrackWrestling before the next meet, a weigh-in form cannot be printed.
3. Coaches must confirm that the scores were imported from TrackWrestling to nj.com correctly within 24 hours.
4. The intent to enter team form must be completed online during the intent form period listed above.
5. The Officials Conflict of Interest form must be completed by the date listed above.

Entry Fee

1. \$90.00 per team, Payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Wrestling Tournament).
2. Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
3. **DO NOT** use certified mail

Tournament Rules & Information

1. The recommended start time is 6:00pm with weigh-ins at 4:30pm, however, the host school shall determine the start time, but it must be no later than 6:00pm with weigh-ins at 4:30pm.
2. For round one (1) of the public school tournament, it is highly recommended that two (2) mats be used.
3. 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. NJSIAA may assign athletic trainers for the state final events to assist with emergencies.
4. 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 potential opponents, media, nj.com at hssupport@njadvancemedia.com, working personnel, assigned officials, the NJSIAA, and the tournament director. All rescheduled matches will be on the following day. 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.
5. Schools participating in the team tournament must provide appropriate security personnel at all rounds as well as provide an administrator or designee at all rounds the participating school qualifies for.
6. All schools entered in the team wrestling championships will be held responsible for the conduct of their coaching staff, athletic trainers, wrestlers, other bench personnel, cheerleaders, students, and spectators.
7. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events.
8. The site manager and/or the official, have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation unethical, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
9. Teams will not be pre-determined home or visitor. A pre-meet coin toss will determine odd and even, which in turn dictates the following:
 - a. The team that will send their wrestler to the scorer's table first and who then cannot be withdrawn or replaced without being disqualified.
 - b. The team that will have the choice of selecting top, bottom, neutral, or deferring to begin the second period.
10. To determine team champion- points kept in accordance with procedures in tournament scoring.
11. If a tie exists between the teams in the team championships, the criteria listed in the NFHS rule book will be in effect.

Tournament Selection & Seeding for Public Schools

1. The selection committee will use the wrestling ranking system to select and seed the eight (8) participating teams for each group in each section.
2. The public school selection and seeding committee will consist of the ranking chairmen (or designee) from each region, the tournament coordinator, and the tournament director (or designee).
3. Sectional seeding will be from top to bottom and ends when 8 did not lose to 9.
4. Please contact your region ranking chairman if you have any questions.
5. There will be no appeal of a selection committee's decision unless a school can show the calculations for the ranking were in error. The school must contact the Tournament Director or Tournament Coordinator

before the brackets become official.

6. The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.
7. For round one (1) of the public school tournament, it is highly recommended that two (2) mats be used.
8. Tournament Matchups
 - a. Public Schools Sectionals Round 1 & 2
 - #1 seed vs #8 seed & #4 seed vs #5 seed. #1 Seed will host both matches.
 - #1/8 winner vs. #4/5 winner. #1 Seed will host.
 - #2 seed vs #7 seed & #3 seed vs #6 seed. #2 Seed will host both matches.
 - #3/6 winner vs. #2/7 winner. #2 Seed will host.
 - b. Public Schools Sectional Finals
 - Winners from round 2 will wrestle at the highest remaining seed.

Tournament Seeding for Non-Public Schools

1. The Non-Public school seeding committee will consist of six (6) Public School Administrators, the tournament coordinator, and the tournament director (or designee).
2. The tournament coordinator will break any tie votes.
3. The seeding committee will use (but is not limited to) the following criteria to seed all Non-Public Schools: Head to Head Competition, Strength of Schedule, Overall Record, etc.
4. Please contact the Meet Coordinator or your region ranking chairman if you have any questions.
5. The media may post brackets following the completion of the seeding meeting, however, seedings and brackets do not become official until 12:00pm on the day after seeding.
6. Tournament Matchups
 - a. Non-Public Schools Sectionals Round 1
 - First-round matchups will depend on the size of the final bracket.
 - Winners of the first round will move on
 - b. Non-Public Schools Sectionals Round 2
 - The highest remaining seeds will host.
 - Winners of the first round will move on
 - c. Public Schools Sectionals Finals
 - Winners from round 2 will wrestle at the highest remaining seed.

Power Ranking System - Preseason

Each region chairperson using the following criteria will rank the top 15 teams in their region and will send this information to the state statistician, who will compile the ranking by section.

1. **Returning District Place Winners - PLEASE NOTE -** Returning district place winners from the 2020-21 season will not be used in the preseason rankings this year due to the COVID disruptions.
 - a. Compile point values for returning district place winners. (3 points for 1st, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd)
 - b. Multiply these points by the strength of the 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.).
 - c. A ranked team is one whose final PowerPoint ranking, for the prior season, was 25.0 or higher.
 - d. Send the point values and district co-efficient to the state statistician.
2. **Strength of Program**
 - a. Average the team's sectional rankings for the last three (3) seasons (excluding 2020-21).
 - b. Rank teams and give point values for the rank position (15 for 1st, 14 for 2nd, 13 for 3rd, etc.).
3. **Pre-Season Ranking**
 - a. Add the points awarded in (1) and (2).
 - b. Compare results to the other teams in the region to determine its rank position in the region.
 - c. The teams will then be ranked by section, with 15 teams being ranked in each section.
 - d. 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.
 - Based on results, teams will receive power points based on their opponent's power points, according to the ranking scale

Power Ranking System - Regular Season

1. Dual Meets

- a. Team PowerPoints 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.
- b. Losing team cannot receive more power points in a meet than the winning team. Only the 10 best competition results against NJSIAA member schools will be considered for their PowerPoint ranking.
- c. Tournaments - An individual bracketed four (4) team tournament does not count as a team result. A dual meet tournament does count.
- d. Coaches are responsible to check and verify their team's records and scores with their Ranking Chairman before the sectional seeding meeting via email.

2. How to Calculate Tournament

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

3. Tournaments & Out-of-State Competition

- a. Results of regular-season individual tournaments will not count for ranking purposes.
- b. 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/seatings

4. Compiling Points

- a. This quotient or average of your 10 best PowerPoint producing meets against NJSIAA member schools is compared to that of the other teams to determine its rank position.

5. Final Ranking

- a. 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.
- b. When wrestling a team multiple times in the same season, each team will use only the result that will benefit that team the most.

6. Seeding Criteria

- a. Groups Sectional seeding will be from top to bottom
- b. 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:
 - Head to Head
 - The majority of wins earn the better seed
 - Split decisions go to the latest winning team
 - PowerPoint average for all meets
 - Common Opponents
 - Comparing wins and losses, not point differential
 - Overall winning percentage
 - If still tied, representatives will speak for each team for 2 minutes and a vote of the committee will be final
- c. All teams are pre-seeded by power points per group, with the higher pre-seed challenged first.
- d. Head-to-Head results receive consideration only when a lower-ranked team has defeated the team ranked immediately higher (immediately above).
 - When teams split meets during this season, the team that wins the later meet will receive the better seed
- e. Movement in the seed may occur only one step at a time based on the Head to Head criterion.
 - Example: If 8th in rank has defeated 7th in rank/seed, then they switch positions.
- f. The field is set when the 9th team didn't beat the 8th team.
- g. The 9th then 10th ranked team will replace any team unable to compete if the situation is ruled on by the NJSIAA by 12:00pm on Thursday, February 3 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.

7. State Group Seeding

- a. Seeding of the sectional champions will be based on power points and head-to-head results using the same criteria as used in the team sectional tournament.

Weigh-In Procedures

1. All weigh-ins will begin 1.5 hours before the scheduled start match.
2. The visiting team wrestler will step on the scale first at each weight during the weigh-ins.
3. Supervised scales (minimum of two) must be available one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the weigh-in period.
4. Only scales provided for use during the entire weight check may be used for the official weigh-in.
5. No one will be allowed to weigh in early/late unless weather or unforeseen circumstances dictate, or the tournament director rules otherwise.
6. 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
7. One (1) team point will be deducted for failure to have the TrackWrestling weigh-in sheet and/or descent plan at matside
8. Teams may weigh-in three (3) wrestlers in each weight class each day.
9. A wrestler must be listed on the Team Sectional Wrestling Championships School Admission and weigh-in form to be eligible.
10. This weigh-in form will be used for the admission of the wrestlers
11. Wrestlers are not required to weigh-in at the same weight class each day of the tournament. Wrestlers may only compete in weight classes as designated in their descent plan or one weight above.

Officials Assignments & Fees

Round 1 (Public Schools)

- The higher seeded school will assign and pay for all officials for this round.
- 2 officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- 1 of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties at the area agreed-upon rate.

Round 1 (Non-Public Schools)

- The higher seeded school will assign and pay for all officials for this round.
- 1 official on each mat at the area agreed-upon rate.
- The official will also handle the weighmaster duties at the area agreed-upon rate.

Round 2 (Public & Non-public Schools)

- The higher seeded school will assign and pay for all officials for this round.
- 2 officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- 1 of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties at the area agreed-upon rate.
- The 2 officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.

Sectional Finals

- The NJSIAA will assign and pay for all officials for this round.
- 2 officials at \$85 each
- The 2 officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.
- 1 of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties at \$50.
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

State Semis-Finals (Public Schools Only)

- The NJSIAA will assign and pay for all officials for this round.
- 2 officials at \$85 each
- The 2 officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.
- 1 of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties at \$50.
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

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- The NJSIAA will assign and pay for all officials for this round.
- 2 officials at \$85 each
- The 2 officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.
- 1 of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties at \$50.
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

State Group Finals Schedule

1. The State Group Championship Finals for all public and non-public schools will wrestle on one day. There will be a 10 minute warm-up period per team prior to the starting times listed below. Public schools will rotate annually.

a. Times:

- Session 1 Weigh-In begins 7:30 AM Wrestling starts - 9:00 AM on 2 mats
- Session 2 Weigh-In begins 10:00 AM Wrestling starts - 11:30 AM on 3 mats
- Session 3 Weigh-In begins 12:30 PM Wrestling starts - 2:00 PM on 2 mats

b. Parings:

- Session 1
 - Public Finals - Group I (Mat 1)
 - Non-Public Finals - Group B (Mat 3)
- Session 2
 - Public Finals - Group V (Mat 1)
 - Public Finals - Group III (Mat 2)
 - Non-Public Finals - Group A (Mat 3)
- Session 3
 - Public Finals - Group IV (Mat 1)
 - Public Finals - Group II (Mat 3)

2. If postponed, and the tournament cannot be held at the original site, the host sites will follow the rotating schedule below:

Public	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
North I	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V	IV	II
North II	II	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V	III
Central	III	II	I & V	IV	III	II	IV
South	IV	III	II	I & V	IV	III	I & V
Non-Public	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
North A				X			
South B	X				X		
North B		X				X	
South A			X				X

Awards

Sectional Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each Sectional Championship in each Group.

State Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the State Champion in each Group.