



2021-22 NJSIAA Girls Individual 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. The region tournament will be divided into North and South.
2. The girls' weight classes for the tournament will be the following: 102-109-116-122-128-134-140-147-154-167-187-237
3. Two-pound growth allowance has been added to original weight classes from the start of the season.

Wrestling Important Dates

| Event | Dates | |
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| Weight Certification Begins: | November 1, 2021 | |
| Tryout Period: | November 22 - 24, 2021 | |
| First Practice: | November 29, 2021 | |
| First Scrimmage: | December 6, 2021 | |
| Opening Day: | December 17, 2021 | |
| Transfer Date: | December 17, 2021 | |
| Two Pound Growth Allowance: | January 15, 2022 | |
| Intent Form Period (Team Tournament): | January 18 - 27, 2022 | |
| Team Tournament Cutoff: | January 29, 2022 | |
| Entry Info Due (by 12:00pm): | January 30, 2022 | |
| Team Tournament Seeding: | February 1, 2022 | |
| 30 Match Limit Cutoff: | February 5, 2022 | |
| Region Info Due (Girls): | February 6, 2022 | |
| Regional Seeding (Girls): | February 8, 2022 | |
| Regular Season Competition Ends: | February 13, 2022 | |
| State Seeding (Girls): | February 16, 2022 | |
| District Seeding (Boys): | February 17, 2022 | |
| Region Seeding (Boys): | February 21, 2022 | |
| Individual State Seeding (Boys): | March 1, 2022 | |
| Post-Season Meeting: | April 7, 2022 | |
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| Boys Public Team Tournament | Dates | Location |
| Rounds 1 & 2: | February 7, 2022 | Seeds #1 & #2 will Host |
| Sectional Finals: | February 9, 2022 | Higher Seed |
| State Semifinals: | February 11, 2022 | Higher Seed |
| State Finals: | February 13, 2022 | Franklin H.S. |
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| Boys Non-Public Team Tournament | Dates | Location |
| Round 1: | February 7, 2022 | Higher Seed |
| Round 2: | February 9, 2022 | Higher Seed |
| Sectional Finals: | February 11, 2022 | Higher Seed |
| State Finals: | February 13, 2022 | Franklin H.S. |
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| Boys Individual Tournament | Dates | Location |
| District Championships: | February 19, 2022 | TBA |
| Region Championships: | February 25 & 26, 2022 | TBA |
| State Championships: | March 3, 4, & 5, 2022 | Atlantic City |
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| Girls Individual Tournament | Dates | Location |
| Region Championships (North): | February 12, 2022 | Franklin H.S. |
| Region Championships (South): | February 12, 2022 | Kingsway H.S. |
| State Championships: | February 20, 2022 | Phillipsburg H.S. |

REGION TOURNAMENT

To qualify for the Region Tournament

1. Any member school sponsoring a girl's wrestling team will be permitted to enter the Region Championships.
2. All Independent wrestlers from member schools that do not compete on an interscholastic basis are eligible to enter the Region Championships.
3. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, before the start of the tournament, will be unable to compete in the state tournament.
4. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications before the start of the tournament will not be permitted to participate in the state tournament. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached before the start of the tournament for the team.

Region 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. Girls must choose to participate in the boys' districts or girls' regions by the girls' Region seeding meeting. Girls choosing to enter the Girls' Region Tournament will not be eligible to participate in the Boys' District Tournament
3. All girl wrestlers must compete in the girls' Regions to qualify for the Girls State Championships.
4. Each school may enter only one wrestler per weight class.
5. A wrestler is permitted to wrestle in any weight class (within NFHS Wrestling Rules Book & NJSIAA Rules and Regulations), providing their name was entered on the track wrestling seeding registration site.
6. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one (1) weight class during the weigh-in period. The weight class must be declared by the end of the weight class weigh-in period
7. The wrestler's descent plan must allow participation at the chosen weight class.
8. Coaches MUST enter their wrestlers for the Regions via the trackwrestling program by the date listed above.

Entry Fee

1. \$16.00 per wrestler that weighs in at the districts regardless of whether they compete or not.
2. Make payments payable to the NJSIAA (Please note Wrestling Tournament).
3. Forward all entry fees to the NJSIAA, 1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691
4. DO NOT use certified mail

Region Tournament Rules & Information

1. The girl's Region Tournament is a one (1) day, qualifying tournament.
2. The tournament is held at two (2) locations, one in the north and one in the south
3. The state is divided in half by way of Northing numbers.
4. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th place finishers in each weight class in each Region will advance to the State Championships.
5. The girls' weight classes for the tournament will be the following: 102-109-116-122-128-134-140-147-154-167-187-237. These weight classes include the two-pound growth allowance from the original weight classes at the start of the season.
6. The weight class order will be 102 to 237. A random draw may be used for the final matches only (per NFHS Rule 5-21.1).
7. Weighmasters will be assigned to each Region by the state assignor.
8. There is no weigh-in form needed.
9. A contestant shall weigh-in for only one weight class during the weigh-in period. The individual's descent plan must allow participation at the chosen weight class.
10. All weigh-ins will start 1.5 hours before the scheduled start time.
11. Wrestlers receiving a forfeit must weigh-in and step on the mat for that round. Failure to do so eliminates a wrestler from the tournament and/or further competition.

12. The actual weight of each contestant must be recorded by the weighmaster or designee on this sheet. Proper signatures must be recorded.
13. All schools entered in the tournament will be held responsible for the conduct of their coaching staff and all other school personnel. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events.
14. The site manager and/or the official, have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation unethical, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
15. 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.

Region Tournament Seeding Information

1. The seeding meeting will be conducted on the date listed above.
2. There will only be one seeding meeting.
3. The goal of the seeding committee is to:
 - a. Separate the best wrestlers
 - b. Seed the best 8 wrestlers
 - c. Draw for position for the remainder
4. Seeding should reduce the possibility of having the two best wrestlers meet in the early rounds. Theoretically, they should meet in the final, after having the four best wrestlers meet in the semifinals. The quality of wrestling should improve as the tournament advances.
5. Highest ethics should prevail. Attempts to place an “unproven” wrestler in an advantageous position in order to gain additional team points, or to reduce a “stronger” team’s chance of attaining more team points are looked upon as self-serving. Using the seeding meeting to determine where you are going to wrestle your student/athletes causing a re-seeding the day of the tournament is another practice that must be discouraged.
6. The seeding will be conducted by a “Seeding Committee”
 - a. The Committee will compose of the Regional Tournament Director, or designated Seeding Chairperson, (who will break any tie votes), and four appointed seeding committee representatives from each region.
 - b. The Committee will be using the past advancements in the previous state tournaments, Head-to-Head Completion, and Wild Card Discussions to seed the regions through the first 8 seeds. All other placements will be drawn.
7. The top eight (8) wrestlers will be seeded. All other seeds will be drawn
8. Wrestlebacks Procedure:
 - a. Wrestlebacks will begin with the pre-quarter finals
 - b. Wrestlers will wrestleback to 3rd through 6th place in the regions.

Region Tournament Pre-Seeding Criteria

1. Own Merit in a Previous Tournament – this level or better
 - a. Higher replacement(s) or further advancements(s) in wrestlebacks will earn the better pre-seed.
 - b. Greater number of appearances – with the most recent advancement receiving preference.
NOTE: All wrestlers get credit for being here, minimum advancement if out
 - c. Returning at the same weight – is better than one weight above followed by one below than two above, two below, etc.
2. 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.
Wins vs. multiple opponents with the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice
3. Defeated any state tournament participant(s) from a previous year during this season.
NOTE: The better the pre-seed the better the victory. Use other victories using this criterion, if needed.
Wins vs. multiple opponents with the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice.
4. Wild Card

Region Tournament Final Seeding

1. 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.
 - 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.
2. Wild Card
3. Unfair Seeds - Where it can be substantiated that an unfair seed has occurred, the tournament director must email the NJSIAA Tournament Director by 12:00 Noon, Thursday to have the matter presented to the State Tournament Committee of the seeding meeting with this committee's ruling final.
4. 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's weigh-in by an "eligible" replacement. A re-seed must occur using the same initial region seeding procedure. If the replacement does not qualify for one of the top 8 seeds, they will be placed in the vacated position of the withdrawn wrestler.
5. Forfeiture - Occurs after the initial weigh-in period and a subsequent reseeding meeting is over. If a wrestler successfully weighs in and subsequently does not appear on the mat to wrestle, a forfeit will be declared. Any forfeiture for not appearing on the mat eliminates that wrestler from the tournament unless as provided for in NFHS Wrestling Rules Book. Failure to provide the Tournament Committee with an acceptable reason for default or forfeit could result in Executive Committee action.

Officials Regional Assignments & Payment

1. The NJSIAA State Assignor will assign all officials for the districts.
2. Two officials will be assigned to each mat.
3. Officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.
4. Weighmasters will be assigned by the NJSIAA.
5. All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

Athletic Trainers Regional Assignments & Payment

1. The host school will assign all Athletic Trainers & Blood Personnel.
2. Two Athletic Trainers and two blood personnel will be assigned
3. The NJSIAA will pay all Athletic Trainers & Blood Personnel.

Awards for Regionals

1. NJSIAA - The top four (4) place winners in each weight class will receive a medal.
2. NJ Wrestling Coaches Association (NJWCA) Awards:
 - Region Most Outstanding Wrestler

STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

State Individual Championships Rules & Information

1. The state championships will be a one (1) day Tournament.
2. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th place finishers in each weight class from each Region advanced to the State Championships.
3. There are eight (8) wrestlers left in the State Championship per weight class.
4. There will be wrestle-backs to third place and the final six (6) wrestlers will receive medals.
5. Championship Schedule:
 - a. Weight Check - 9:00am
 - b. Weigh-ins - 9:30am
 - c. Wrestling Starts - 11:00am (Continuous Wrestling)
 - d. Finals - 3:00pm ((Finals will not begin before 3:00pm)
6. Weigh-in Procedures:
 - a. Weigh-ins for each weight class will be in alphabetical order.
 - b. The girls' weight classes for the tournament will be the following: 102-109-116-122-128-134-140-147-154-167-187-237. These weight classes include the two-pound growth allowance from the original weight classes at the start of the season.
 - c. The weight class order will be 102 to 237. A random draw may be used for the final matches only (per NFHS Rule 5-21.1).
 - d. Weighmaster will be assigned by the NJSIAA state assignor.
 - e. There is no weigh-in form needed.
7. All schools entered in the individual tournament will be held responsible for the conduct of their coaching staff and all other school personnel. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events.
8. The tournament director and/or the official, have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation unethical, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
9. When severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances necessitate postponement, the tournament director will make the final decision and will inform potential opponents, media, nj.com at hssupport@njadvancemedia.com, working personnel, assigned officials, the NJSIAA, and the tournament director.

State Individual Championships Seeding Information

1. The committee is Chaired by the Tournament Director or his designated seeding chairperson who will break any tie votes, his designated Seeding Chairperson, and two (2) appointed representatives from each Region.
2. The seeding meeting will take place at NJSIAA office in Robbinsville, NJ.
3. Goal of the seeding meeting:
 - a. Separate the best wrestlers
 - b. Pre-seed, head-to-head movement, and seed all place winners (1st-4th) from each region.

State Individual Championship Pre-Seeding Criteria

1. Wrestlers own merit in a previous tournament – this level or better
 - a. Higher replacement(s) or further advancements(s) in wrestlebacks will earn the better pre-seed.
 - b. Greater number of appearances – with the most recent advancement receiving preference.
 - NOTE: All wrestlers get credit for being here, minimum advancement if out
 - c. Returning at the same weight – is better than one weight above followed by one below than two above, two below, etc.
2. 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 the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice
3. Defeated any tournament participant(s) from a previous year during this season.

- NOTE: The better the defeated wrestler's advancement the higher the pre-seed. Use other victories using the criterion if needed. Wins vs. multiple opponents with the same criteria is better than beating the same opponent twice.

4. Wildcard discussion, if tied, discuss and vote

State Individual Championship Final Seeding

1. 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.
 - 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.
2. 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's weigh-in by an "eligible" replacement. A re-seed must occur using the same initial region seeding procedure. If the replacement does not qualify for one of the top 8 seeds, they will be placed in the vacated position of the withdrawn wrestler.
3. Forfeiture - Occurs after the initial weigh-in period and a subsequent reseeding meeting is over. If a wrestler successfully weighs in and subsequently does not appear on the mat to wrestle, a forfeit will be declared. Any forfeiture for not appearing on the mat eliminates that wrestler from the tournament unless as provided for in NFHS Wrestling Rules Book. Failure to provide the Tournament Committee with an acceptable reason for default or forfeit could result in Executive Committee action.
4. Re-seeding - All appeals must be made by 12:00pm Friday. 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 6:00 pm Saturday, 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 (forfeit) in that spot will occur.
5. Failure to make weight class at the State Championships:
 - a. A re-seed 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.

Officials State Championship Assignments & Payment

1. The NJSIAA State Assignor will assign all officials for the districts.
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3. Officials will alternate as the bout official and the assistant official for each match.
4. All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

Athletic Trainers State Championship Assignments & Payment

1. The tournament director will assign all Athletic Trainers & Blood Personnel.
2. The NJSIAA will pay all Athletic Trainers & Blood Personnel.

Awards for the State Championships

1. NJSIAA Awards:
 - The top six (6) place winners in each weight class will receive a medal.
2. NJ Wrestling Coaches Association (NJVCA) Awards:
 - Most Outstanding Wrestler