



2023-2024 NJSIAA Boys Team Wrestling Tournament

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Schools entering the tournament will not be granted a change of date/time due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SATs, unless agreed upon by both schools. The NJSIAA will make every effort to accommodate schools that have a conflict with their graduation.

Schools that are disqualified from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded but prior to the bracket being final, then the bracket will be reseeded and the next ranked school who entered the tournament will be included. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition after the tournament has been seeded and after the bracket is final, then the bracket will not be reseeded, and no additional school will be included. If a school is disqualified from state tournament competition during the state tournament, then the school will be removed from the tournament immediately and their last opponent will advance in their place.

Schools participating in any NJSIAA tournament are responsible for the actions and behaviors of their spectators. Schools are required to provide adequate staff security to ensure there is proper oversight of their spectators. In addition, schools are financially responsible for any damages to the property or premises caused by their student-athletes, staff, or spectators (spectators include, but are not limited to, cheerleaders, marching band participants, students, and other fans).

NJSIAA requires Certified Athletic Trainers at all its tournament events. The ATC must document all injuries on an injury report form. This form must be available to the NJSIAA upon request.

Member schools not willing or able to comply with these tournament regulations and any relevant procedures found in the Operating Procedures Handbook should not enter the tournament. Member schools are encouraged to review these tournament regulations with the school administration. Coaches must have a copy of these regulations as well as a copy of the Rule Modifications (if any) for this tournament available at all contests. Copies of these documents are available on the NJSIAA website.

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Wrestling Tournament Dates

Event	Dates	Location
Weight Certification Begins	November 1, 2023	
Tryout Period	November 20 - 22, 2023	
First Practice	November 27, 2023	
First Scrimmage	December 4, 2023	
Opening Day	December 14, 2023	
Post-Season Transfer by Date	December 14, 2023	
Two Pound Growth Allowance	January 13, 2024	
Transfer Sit Eligibility	January 13, 2024	
Tournament Entry Period (Team)	January 16 – 25, 2024	
Team Tournament Cutoff	January 27, 2024	
Entry Info Due (by 12:00pm)	January 28, 2024	
Team Tournament Seeding	January 30, 2024	
Tournament Determination Deadline (Girls)	February 1, 2024	
30 Match Limit Cutoff (Boys)	February 3, 2024	
Regular Season Competition Ends (Boys)	February 11, 2024	
30 Match Limit Cutoff (Girls)	February 11, 2024	
District Seeding (Boys)	February 15, 2024	
Regular Season Competition Ends (Girls)	February 17, 2024	
Region Seeding (Girls)	February 19 or 20, 2024	
Region Seeding (Boys)	February 19 or 20, 2024	
Individual State Seeding (Girls)	February 26, 2024	
Individual State Seeding (Boys)	February 27, 2024	
Post-Season Meeting (Boys)	April 2024	
Post-Season Meeting (Girls)	May 2024	
Boys Public Team Tournament		
Rounds 1 & 2	February 5, 2024	Seeds #1 & #2 will Host
Sectional Finals	February 7, 2024	Higher Seed
State Semifinals	February 9, 2024	Higher Seed
State Finals	February 11, 2024	Rutgers University
Boys Non-Public Team Tournament		
Rounds 1 & 2	February 6, 2024	Higher Seed
State Semifinals	February 8, 2024	Higher Seed
State Finals	February 11, 2024	Rutgers University
Boys Individual Tournament		
Districts (Boys)	February 17, 2024	**
Regions (Boys)	February 23 - 24, 2024	**
Individual Championships (Boys)	February 29 – March 2, 2024	Boardwalk Hall
Girls Individual Tournament		
Region (North I)	February 25, 2024	Vernon High School
Region (North II)	February 25, 2024	Union High School
Region (Central)	February 25, 2024	East Brunswick – Churchill Junior Middle School
Region (South)	February 25, 2024	Timber Creek High School
Individual Championships (Girls)	February 29 – March 2, 2024	Boardwalk Hall

**Refer to Districts and Regions alignment on the NJSIAA website.

To qualify for the Team Tournament

1. Teams must be competing on a varsity interscholastic basis and sixty percent (60%) of the dual meets wrestled on or before the cutoff date must be against New Jersey schools.
2. Teams must have wrestled at least ten (10) dual meets against NJSIAA member schools to be considered for Power Point rankings. There will be no exceptions or waivers to this rule.
3. Public Schools – the top 8 teams in each section and group based on Power Point rankings will qualify for the state tournament.
4. Non-Public Schools – any non-public team that enters the tournament will be seeded. **However, the non-public team must meet the requirements in #1 and #2 above. There will be no exceptions or waivers to either the 60% or 10 dual meet requirement.**
5. A seeding committee will seed both the Non-Public A and Non-Public B tournament.
6. Any undefeated teams with criteria will be included.
7. Matches wrestled after the cutoff date will not count toward tournament qualification.
8. 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.
9. 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.

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.
3. Coaches must confirm that the scores were imported from Trackwrestling to nj.com correctly within 24 hours.
4. The online entry form must be completed online during the 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 Team 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 for all rounds is 6:00pm with weigh-ins at 4:30pm; however, the higher seed school may set a different start time.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Member schools cannot expect the NJSIAA to assume responsibility for improper conduct at tournament events.
7. The site manager and/or the official, have the authority to address and correct any action of intimidation unethical, or unsportsmanlike conduct.

8. 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.
9. 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 seeding committee will use the wrestling Power Point rankings to qualify and seed the top 8 teams in each section and group.
2. The public-school 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 (see Regular Season Seeding Criteria below).
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. Tournament Matchups
 - a. Public Schools Sectionals Round 1
 - #1 seed vs #8 seed & #4 seed vs #5 seed. #1 Seed will host.
 - #2 seed vs #7 seed & #3 seed vs #6 seed. #2 Seed will host.
 - b. Public Schools Sectionals Round 2
 - #1/8 winner vs. #4/5 winner. #1 Seed will host.
 - #3/6 winner vs. #2/7 winner. #2 Seed will host.
 - c. Public Schools Sectional Finals (Round 3)
 - Winners from round 2 will wrestle at the highest remaining seed.

Tournament Seeding for Non-Public Schools

1. All non-public schools that enter the tournament will be seeded.
2. The non-public school seeding committee will consist of six (6) public school administrators.
3. The tournament coordinator will break any tie votes.
4. The seeding committee will use (but is not limited to) the following criteria to seed all Non-Public Schools: head-to-head competition, Power Point rankings, strength of schedule, and overall season.
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 Round 1 and 2 – hosted by the #1 and #2 seeds.
 - b. Non-Public Schools State Semifinals (Round 3) – hosted by the higher seeded school.

Brackets

1. The state tournament brackets will be posted to www.nj.com on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.
2. 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 the seeding meeting.
3. Once the brackets become official, there will be no changes to the bracket. If a school is unable to participate for any reason after the brackets are final, then the opponent will advance.

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

- 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 Power Point 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.
 - 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
- 4. Dropping Points**
- a. After the pre-season ranking, each team's points are dropped before the regular season ranking.

Power Ranking System - Regular Season

- 1. Dual Meets**
- a. Team Power 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.
 - b. The 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 Power Point ranking.
 - c. Coaches are responsible to check and verify their team's records and scores with their Ranking Chairman before the 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/seedings
- 4. Compiling Points**
- a. 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.
- 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 qualify and seed the team tournament.
 - 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 – Public Schools**
- a. The team tournament 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
 - Power Point 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 February 1, 2024, 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 Semifinal Seeding – Public Schools

- a. The 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. Power points will not be recalculated upon completion of the sectional championships.

Weigh-In Procedures

1. All weigh-ins will begin 1.5 hours before the scheduled start match.
2. The lower seeded team will always step on the scale first.
3. Supervised scales must be available one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the weigh-in period.
4. No one will be allowed to weigh in early/late unless weather or unforeseen circumstances dictate, or the tournament director rules otherwise.
5. 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
6. One (1) team point will be deducted for failure to have the Trackwrestling weigh-in sheet and/or descent plan at mat side.
7. Teams may weigh-in three (3) wrestlers in each weight class each day.
8. A wrestler must be listed in Trackwrestling and included on the weigh-in form to be eligible.
9. This weigh-in form will be used for the admission of the wrestlers
10. 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.

Officials Assignments & Fees

Round 1

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

Round 2

- The higher seeded school will assign and pay all officials for this round
- 2 officials at the area agreed-upon rate.
- The officials will alternate (Official & Assistant Official) after each bout
- 1 weighmaster at the area agreed-upon rate.
- One of the officials may also handle the weighmaster duties if the school chooses.

Round 3 – State Semifinals (Non-Public Schools)/Sectional Finals (Public Schools)

- NJSIAA will assign and pay all officials for this round
- 2 officials and 1 weighmaster
- The officials will alternate (Official & Assistant Official) after each bout
- One of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties.
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay.

State Semifinals (Public Schools)

- NJSIAA will assign and pay all officials for this round
- 2 officials and 1 weighmaster
- The officials will alternate (Official & Assistant Official) after each bout
- One of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties.
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay

State Finals

- NJSIAA will assign and pay all officials for this round
- 2 officials and 1 weighmaster
- The officials will alternate (Official & Assistant Official) after each bout
- One of the officials will also handle the weighmaster duties.
- All officials for this round will be paid via ZebraPay

State Team Championships

1. The State Team Championships will be a one-day tournament. There will be a 10-minute warm-up period per team prior to the starting times listed below.
 - a. Times:
 - Session 1 TBD
 - Session 2 TBD
 - b. Schedule will be announced upon completion of the state semifinals for both the public and non-public schools.
2. If postponed, and the tournament cannot be held at the original site, the host sites will follow the rotating schedule below:

Public	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
North I	II	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V	III
North II	III	II	I & V	IV	III	II	IV
Central	IV	III	II	I & V	IV	III	I & V
South	I & V	IV	III	II	I & V	IV	II
Non-Public	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2022-23
North A	X				X		
South B		X				X	
North B			X				
South A				X			X

Awards

Sectional Champions (Public Schools):

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to each sectional champion in each group.

State Team Champions:

A team trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates to the state champion in each group.