

**2021 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT  
WRESTLING SECTIONAL/DISTRICT**

**2021 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **The members of the Southwest District Athletic Board adopted the following regulation per a recommendation from the Wrestling Coaches' Representatives:**

Coaches are required to wear dress slacks or khakis, a shirt with a collar, and appropriate footwear, such as sneakers, dress shoes, etc. Flip flops and sandals are examples of inappropriate footwear. Coaches dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to be on the mat.

**The Southwest District Athletic Board adopted the following policy effective with the 2018 tournaments: Athletes being recognized on the award stand cannot be wearing hats, hoodies, or other headgear while being recognized. (There will be No Award Ceremonies 2021)**

**Note: All sectional tournaments will be one-day split session tournaments with 106-145 in the first session and 152-285 in the second session. Sectionals will be wrestled on Saturday, February 27th.**

2. Southwest Tournament Managers can seed up to six (6) wrestlers per class. For an individual to be seeded he must:
1. A returning state placer from the previous year's OHSAA individual state wrestling tournament or
  2. Placed in the top 6 at the District previous year's individual district tournament
  3. Have a .500 record or better record from the current season with a minimum of eight (8) matches.
  4. Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler to the seed nomination list with a winning record but fewer than 8 matches by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting

See updated Tournament Regulation 11 (Seed Meeting Guidelines & Seed Criteria) at the following link:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/2020-21/2021WrestlingTournamentAddendum.pdf>

3. Team rosters must be submitted on [www.baumspage.com](http://www.baumspage.com) before 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The team roster must include the current varsity record of each wrestler submitted. Also included should be the wrestler's weight and place in last year's State and District Tournaments. **After 7:00 PM on Thursday no substitutions will be permitted with the exceptions list in Section 10.3 of the OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulations.**

A seed meeting can be held after 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Additional information pertinent to seeding is covered in Section 11 of the **OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulations**. See link:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/WRindTourneyRegs.pdf>

4. Weigh-ins will be conducted at the tournament site on the first day of competition in accordance with NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5. Weigh-in for the sectional and district tournaments will be conducted by weight class. Weigh-outs may begin on the first day of competition after a wrestler has completed his / her last match of the session. This weigh-out will conclude 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last match of each session. Exercise and multiple attempts are permitted during the weigh-out process. The tournament manager shall set a 30-minute weigh-in period before the start of the second day of competition for wrestlers who did not make weight by the conclusion of their weigh-out. Additional updated information can be found at: <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/2020-21/2021WrestlingTournamentAddendum.pdf>
5. The minimum weight as listed on the Alpha-Master Roster and the wrestler weigh-in sheet must be provided to the tournament manager prior to starting the tournament.
6. Certification by Board motion: 1) A doctor, preferably a Dermatologist, must be present to check all athletes. 2) Tournament managers shall accept a state-certified form signed by a physician relating to a skin infection. 3) A registered wrestling official shall be employed to conduct weigh-ins.
7. *Officials fees: If an official works Friday night only, pay will be TBD. If an official works just Saturday of a two-day sectional tournament, pay will be TBD. If an official works the entire sectional tournament, pay will be TBD or officials working the entire district tournament will be TBD.*

8. Tickets for all sectional and district tournament matches will be sold online through Home Town Ticketing. There will be no sales permitted at the game/gate. **Ticket prices – \$10.00 per session.** Each ticket will be for a single session only. Per action of the District Athletic Board, gyms will be cleared following each session, if applicable, during the sectional and district tournaments.

**Each tournament site will designate their capacity restrictions based on Department of Health guidelines. Variances applied for are up to each tournament site. Per action of the District Athletic Board, tickets will be equally distributed amongst wrestlers per session assigned.**

9. The only persons permitted in the wrestling area will be the wrestler and two (2) coaches. Violations will result in the removal of the coach from the wrestling area.
10. All weigh-ins shall be conducted by weight class. (See 2021 Tournament Regulations 11.1)
11. All tournaments are to score all six places at the sectional and district level.
12. MANAGERS AND COACHES will adhere to the State regulations. Rules and regulations may be obtained from the OHSAA web site ([www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)).
13. **Division I Sectional Wrestling Tournaments.** Twelve (12) schools in the north are assigned to participate at Centerville while the schools in the South will participate in an open draw with thirty-four (34) schools participating at Lakota East, Lebanon, and Middletown respectively.

**Division II Sectional Wrestling Tournaments.** All schools will be assigned to participate at either Batavia, Clinton- Massie, or Graham.

**Division III Sectional Wrestling Tournaments.** Schools in the North will participate in an open draw between Covington and Sidney Lehman while schools in the South will be assigned to participate at Reading High School.

If an open draw is conducted, the manager will distribute voting materials and procedures prior to the start of the tournament. This will enable each coach to vote and have his votes back to the tournament manager by noon, Saturday, January 30, 2021, and prior to the Manager's Meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2021, 2:00 p.m. At the beginning of the Manager's Meeting, a spreadsheet will be handed out showing all voting results. If ties exist, they must be broken via a public vote of all coaches.

In the aforementioned sectional tournaments, if a coach does not show up at draw meeting, the manager will place the team in the sectional with the most open spots. If there is a tie in open spots, the manager will flip a coin to determine placement. This placement will occur in order as pre-determined by the coaches' vote.

By State Board of Control, all electronic devices are to be turned off at the beginning of the seeding meeting.

By board action, the coach cannot vote for his school in the seeding process, and the highest and lowest votes for each school will be dropped in the final calculation.

By board action, the coach that does not vote in a bracket tournament loses his highest score, second highest score, and lowest score prior to final calculation.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, the following fine structure is in place:

- a) Failure to submit seeding information when prescribed by OHSAA guidelines. Fine of \$50.00.
- b) Failure to vote in online voting process to determine seeding. Fine is \$50.00.
- c) Failure for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. Fine is \$50.00.
- d) Failure to show-up for tournament contest / refusal to finish contest which has been started and suspended for any reason is a fine of \$150.00 plus cost of officials, site expenses, and team expenses incurred by opposing team, except pre-sale ticket revenue.

14. Qualifiers from Sectionals to District Tournaments:

Division I Each sectional will qualify the top four (4) wrestlers in each weight class to the district tournament at Kettering Fairmont Trent Arena.

Division II Top four (4) in each weight class from Batavia, Clinton-Massie, and Graham, will combine with the top four (4) from the Licking Valley Sectional (Central) for the District Tournament at Wilmington.

Division III Top four (4) qualifiers in each weight class from Madeira, Covington and Sidney Lehman will qualify for a district tournament at Hobart Arena along with top four (4) from the Lima Central Catholic Sectional (Northwest).

**The District Wrestling Tournaments will be held between Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Each will be held in split sessions. 106-145 and 152-285**

Division I Kettering Fairmont Trent Arena  
Thursday, March 4, 2021 (106-145), Friday, March 5, 2021 (152-285) and Saturday, March 6, 2021. (Two Sessions).

Division II Wilmington H.S.  
Thursday, March 4, 2021 (106-145), Friday, March 5, 2021 (152-285) and Saturday, March 6, 2021. (Two Sessions).

Division III Hobart Arena  
Friday, March 5, 2021 and Saturday, March 6, 2021

15. Qualifiers to the State Meet will be four (4) in Division I, four (4) in Division II, and four (4) in Division III per weight class.
16. For 2021 the number of coaches passes for each school will be based on the number of competitors per session and capacity restrictions at each venue at the sectional and district level to be determined by the tournament manager.
17. All qualifier data from Sectional to District and District to State will be transferred electronically when the tournament finishes.
18. District Tournament Managers must submit a time schedule for their respective meet.
19. By District Board Action. A new Weather Cancellation Policy was adopted:

The Southwest District Board has established the following policy for cancellation or postponement of tournaments.

Schools participating in wrestling tournaments and reside in a county that experiences a Level Two (2) or Level Three (3) weather emergency, that SITE (tournament) will be postponed. Tournament managers must contact the District Board and make every effort to personally contact each school's coach, athletic director, or principal.

Schools are also encouraged to make use of the Board website: [www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home](http://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home) for updated information regarding postponements and cancellations.

The tournament manager will contact the Board Secretary, Phil Poggi ([SWDAB-sec@ohsaa.org](mailto:SWDAB-sec@ohsaa.org)) who will work with the managers to contact the "News Media."

Prior to the start of tournaments, the managers will be instructed to make available to the Board, a contingency plan for weather emergencies.

20. Send no monies or reports to the OHSAA until the District Board has reviewed your financial work copy. Reports should be emailed to Jan Wilking ([wilkingj@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:wilkingj@wyomingcityschools.org)) as quickly as possible.