

2026 OHSAA Boys & Girls Wrestling Tournament Regulations
Refer to the OHSAA Website – www.ohsaa.org
Sectional – District – State

Note: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on **September 29, 2025**. Please check the OHSAA website for the most complete and up-to-date information.

The Executive Director's Office is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

1. Organization

The District Athletic Boards cooperatively organize and conduct sectional and district individual tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The OHSAA State Wrestling Individual Tournament is conducted by the Executive Director's Office. All participants must be eligible under the OHSAA Bylaws and Regulations. Only one school Boys team and one school Girls team sponsored by a member school is eligible to participate. Only one participant from each school team may enter a weight class.

2. Tournament Entry

Member schools wanting to participate in the 2026 OHSAA Wrestling Individual Tournament must indicate their intent to participate in their school's myOHSAA profile. Tournament entry confirmation begins **July 1, 2025** and ends **January 27, 2026**. Schools that change their tournament participation after **January 27, 2026**, will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$150.

3. Assignment of Schools to Sectionals and Districts

Schools are assigned to a specific site by District Athletic Boards and compete at the assigned site. The tournament manager shall furnish all competing schools with a copy of instructions and a time schedule prior to the tournament.

4. Rules/Regulations

- 4.1 NFHS Wrestling Rules, as may be modified by the OHSAA Board of Directors, shall be used in all wrestling individual tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA.
 - 4.1.1 In accordance with NFHS rule 1-4-3, the OHSAA sectional tournaments shall permit a wrestler to wrestle in six matches (excluding forfeits) in any one day of the tournament for qualification to a district tournament.
 - 4.1.2 For any matches necessitating a 7th or 8th match of competition, the OHSAA Match Limitation Policy shall be used. Please see Addendum A.
- 4.2 All OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations apply to the conduct of the OHSAA Wrestling Tournament including the prohibition that a student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs. The wrestling administrator shall serve as the final authority on all questions and interpretations arising from the tournament.
- 4.3 All Tournament Managers shall send tournament information to the athletic director of those schools assigned to their respective tournament. The Head Official assigned to the event shall also receive the information.

5. Participant / Roster Entry (Online)

- 5.1 Each school shall submit entries online at www.baumspage.com. The minimum weight as listed on the Alpha Master report and the wrestler weigh-in sheet must be provided to the tournament manager prior to starting the sectional tournament. A school cannot enter participants in the tournament without first designating the entries in the school's myOHSAA profile. (See 2. Tournament Entry above.)
- 5.2 A high school wrestler who participates in a non-interscholastic wrestling meet or contest on or after **January 12, 2026** is **INELIGIBLE** to represent his/her high school in the sectional wrestling tournament.
- 5.3 For the sectional tournament, the competing wrestlers must:
 - 5.3.1 Be listed on the Alpha Master Roster.
 - 5.3.2 Wrestle only at the allowable weight or any weight class above as specified by the rules.

Participant / Roster Entry (continued)

- 5.4 Weight class entries must be submitted online by the Wednesday (Girls) or Thursday (Boys) prior to the sectional tournament. Submissions will close on Wednesday (Girls) or Thursday (Boys) of sectional week at 7:00 PM. Schools will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$150 for wrestlers entered after the deadline. No late substitutions will be accepted after weigh-ins begin unless as outlined in section 10.3. **Wrestlers are “locked” in their weight classes at that time and cannot be entered in another weight class.** (Clerical errors may be appealed to the tournament manager.)
- 5.5 The online entry must include a current win / loss record for each contestant, along with any OHSAA State or District placement in the previous year. (Girls records must be against Girls only.)
- 5.6 Baumspage will provide the seed nomination list with the wrestlers at each weight class sorted by the criteria submitted in 5.5 (above). Coaches will have an opportunity to review the information submitted and report any errors to the tournament manager. **A seed meeting may be held after the seed nomination list is finalized. (see 11.7 below)**

6. Weight Classes

Girls Weight classes: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 190, and 235. The minimum weight for the 235 class is 184 pounds (and is subject to the growth allowance, making it 186 pounds on and after December 25).

Boys Weight classes: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215, and 285. The minimum weight for the 285 class is 210 pounds (and is subject to the growth allowance, making it 212 pounds on and after December 25).

7. Wrestle Backs

Wrestle backs from the first round, with cross bracketing, will be used in all sectional, district, and state individual tournaments.

8. Scoring

The point system as adopted by the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee shall be used in all tournaments.

9. Weigh-Ins

- 9.1 Weigh-ins will be conducted at the tournament site on the first day of competition in accordance with NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5. Weighs-in for the sectional and district tournaments will be conducted by weight class.
- 9.2 At check-in, the coach must confirm the accuracy of the roster submitted, including name (spelling), grades and records. **The coach must also submit the Alpha Weigh-in Sheet.**
- 9.3 All actual weights must be confirmed and recorded at each weigh-in.
- 9.4 Once the weigh-in process begins at the lowest weight class all exercise **and weight loss activities** must stop.
- 9.5 Wrestlers get two tries on the first scale, then one try on each additional scale in their assigned room.
- 9.6 No exercise, no dehydrating, no rehydrating or leaving the scale room to come back for extra tries is permitted at the first weigh-in of each day.
- 9.7 Weigh-outs may begin after the 130 pound (Girls) or 144 pound (Boys) weight class on the first day of competition for all contestants who have concluded wrestling for the day. 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.
- 9.8 Per NFHS Rule 3-1-5, skin and grooming checks are mandatory for each day prior to competition.
- 9.9 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.
- 9.10 The second day of competition weigh-in must be conducted pursuant to the same rules and procedures as required during the first day weigh-in. (NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5 listed above).
- 9.11 All special equipment must be brought to weigh-in for inspection to be approved by the head official. Special equipment that is not approved cannot be used during competition.

10. Roster Submission

- 10.1 Team roster must be submitted to www.baumspage.com before 7:00 PM on the Wednesday (Girls) or Thursday (Boys) prior to the sectional tournament.
- 10.2 Team rosters must include the current varsity records for all wrestlers submitted. They should also include place and weight in last year's OHSAA State (Top 8) and OHSAA District (Top 6) tournaments.
Note: In all cases, Girls records must be against Girls only.
- 10.3 After 7:00 PM on Wednesday (Girls) or Thursday (Boys) no substitutions will be permitted with the following exceptions:
 - 10.3.1 Academic or disciplinary ineligibility.
 - 10.3.2 Family matters that necessitate a wrestler being withdrawn.
 - 10.3.3 A medical emergency or illness experienced by the wrestler.
 - 10.3.4 Failure to make weight or pass skin check.
- 10.4 A wrestler may be replaced by an alternate wrestler under section 10.3 as long as the name of the alternate appears on the Alpha Master Roster, and he/she makes weight.
- 10.5 The head coach must inform the tournament manager immediately at the check-in on the first day of the tournament of any alternate wrestlers at each weight class who are replacing the original wrestler under section 10.3. The alternate wrestler must inform the weighmaster at the weigh-in.

11. Sectional Seeding:

- 11.1 All wrestlers meeting at least one of the criteria below shall be seeded with a maximum of 8 seeds per weight class:
 - 11.1.1 A returning state placer from the previous year's OHSAA state individual wrestling tournament, or
 - 11.1.2 A returning district placer from the previous year's OHSAA district wrestling tournament, or
 - 11.1.3 A wrestler with a .500 record or better from the current season (minimum of 12 matches), (Girls records must be against Girls only), or
 - 11.1.4 Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a .500 record or better but fewer than 12 matches (Girls records must be against Girls only) to the seed nomination list by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.
- 11.2 The seeds will be placed on the preliminary bracket in accordance with Rule 10 of the NFHS Wrestling Rule Book. Byes and non-seeded wrestlers will be placed on the bracket by the computer.
- 11.3 A wrestler may only be seeded in one weight class. A seeded wrestler may not decline their seed and enter the open draw.
- 11.4 If a seeded wrestler drops out or fails to make weight (see 9.3-9.5):
 - 11.4.1 Seeded wrestlers will be rotated accordingly to the appropriate line.
 - 11.4.2 Non-seeded wrestlers' lines on the bracket will become byes if a bye is legal.
 - 11.4.3 If a bye is not permitted, a coin flip (or series of flips) will determine which line will become a bye, and which wrestler must be moved to make the bracket legal.
- 11.5 In accordance with NFHS Rule 10-3-2 there shall be no byes after the first round of competition in both the championship and consolation brackets.
Note: The first round of the tournament in a particular weight class could be the quarterfinal or semifinal round depending on the number of entries.
- 11.6 Seeding Criteria:
 - 11.6.1 Returning OHSAA state placer (1-3) at any weight class
 - 11.6.2 Returning OHSAA state placer (4-8) at any weight class. A "new" (freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 25 wins, has defeated a wrestler listed above him/her on the list, and has a higher winning percentage will be seeded above the returning state place winner (4-8) at any weight class. The coach must e-mail the credentials to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting

Sectional Seeding (continued)

11.6.3 Returning OHSAA district placer (1-6) at any weight class. A “new” (freshman or upper classman that was not a contender last year) wrestler that has more than 20 wins, has defeated a wrestler listed above him/her on the list, and has a higher winning percentage than the returning district place winner will be seeded above the returning district place winner at any weight class (1-6). The coach must e-mail the credentials to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.

11.6.4 Tiebreakers:

11.6.1.1 The higher placer at each level earns the higher seed.

11.6.1.1.1 Previous year’s tournament place finish must have been at an OHSAA tournament.

11.6.1.1.2 A returning state placer (from Division I, II, or III Boys only).

11.6.1.2 If two or more wrestlers have identical place finishes, the tie shall be broken by the following criteria order: previous year state placement at any weight class; previous year district placement at any weight class; and then current year record’s winning percentage:

11.6.1.2.1 Won/Loss record (by percentage) from current season (minimum of 12 matches). (Girls records must be against Girls only.)

11.6.1.2.2 In the event of a tie in percentage, the wrestler with the most wins will receive the higher seed.

11.6.1.2.3 If this does not break the tie, a coin-flip will determine the seed.

11.7 Seeding Meeting

11.7.1 A seeding meeting may be held after wrestlers have been listed by criteria. Only wrestlers who have been listed may challenge for a higher seed.

11.7.2 Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a winning record but fewer than 12 matches to the seed nomination list by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting. (Girls records must be against Girls only.)

11.7.3 A coach may challenge a seed based only on the criteria listed below and the coaches will then vote on the challenge in this listed order:

11.7.3.1 Head-to-head competition.

11.7.3.2 Higher placement in the same weight class at a common tournament.

11.7.4 Each challenge to a seed nomination will be addressed separately.

11.7.5 Disposition of each challenge will be made by a vote of all coaches or concession by the coach of the nominated seed under challenge.

12. Alternates Advancing to Next Level:

The use of an alternate from sectional to district or district to state is permissible when a qualifying wrestler cannot compete due to:

12.1 Academic or disciplinary ineligibility.

12.2 Family matters necessitate a wrestler being withdrawn.

12.3 Medical or illness occurs. Not passing the skin check is a medical matter.

12.4 Flagrant misconduct causing disqualification.

12.5 Lastly, if a wrestler fails to make weight, an alternate may be called.

The alternate may be placed on the bracket up until the time that weigh-ins end. The alternate shall be the next highest finisher from the previous tournament. The alternate shall be placed on the vacated line of the bracket.

The Alternate selection procedure is as follows:

12.6 Alternate – Sectional/District 5th Place: Prior to the scheduled start of Session 1, if one qualifying wrestler from a sectional/district is unable to wrestle, the 5th place wrestler from that sectional/district shall be placed on the vacated bracket line in the 1st round. No other wrestler will be moved on the bracket.

12.7 Alternate – Other Sectionals/Districts 5th Place: If the 5th place wrestler from the sectional/district with the vacated spot is unable to wrestle, 5th place alternates from the remaining sectionals/districts become eligible for the vacated bracket line. If only 1 alternate is able to wrestle, he/she is placed on the bracket line. Otherwise, a coin flip (2 alternates) or random draw (3 alternates) determines which alternate is placed. No other wrestler is moved on the bracket.

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- 12.8 Alternate – Multiple from Same Sectional/District: If more than 1 wrestler from a sectional/district in the same weight class is unable to wrestle, a coin flip (2 alternates) or random draw (3 alternates) determines on which bracket line the alternates are placed. No other wrestler is moved on the bracket.
- 12.9 Alternate – Bye/No Alternates: A Bye is placed on the bracket for a wrestler who fails to make weight and no alternate is available.
- 12.10 Alternate – No 4th Place Sectional Wrestler: If there is no 4th place wrestler from a sectional (only 3 entries in the weight class), 5th place alternates from the remaining sectionals become eligible for the vacated bracket line. If only 1 alternate is able to wrestle, he/she is placed on the bracket line. Otherwise, a coin-flip (2 alternates) or random draw (3 alternates) determines which alternate is placed. **For girls district tournaments only**: If there are not enough 5th place alternates available to fill the bracket, the 6th place finishers from the remaining sectionals become eligible for the vacant bracket lines.

13. State Draw

The state draw will be conducted by the Executive Director's office prior to the district individual tournaments according to the following criteria:

- 13.1 Each district has representation in each quarter bracket with an equitable balance of all pairings by district - #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3, etc.
- 13.2 No two wrestlers from the same district will meet in the first round.
- 13.3 Pairings are balanced.
- 13.4 Returning OHSA state placers that finished either 1st, 2nd or 3rd the previous year will be separated in accordance with their previous place provided they qualify for the State Individual Tournament as a District Champion.
- 13.5 If returning state placers are from the same district, the wrestler(s) only loss must be to a top three (3) state placer from last year.

14. School Representative

No team or individual shall be allowed to compete in the sectional, district or state individual tournaments unless accompanied while participating by a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education. Teams and individuals unaccompanied by such school representative or coach will be disqualified. (Bylaw 3-3-1)

15. Videotaping

- 15.1 Videotaping or filming by participating schools.
- 15.1.1 Videotaping or filming of tournament contests by one or more schools participating in the contest is permitted provided prior arrangements are made with the tournament manager and it is done at the expense of the school involved. A maximum of one individual per school is permitted.
- 15.1.2 May not be used to question a referee's call. A coach who requests a referee to view a video replay shall be assessed a one point team deduction for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 15.1.3 Electronic devices that enable communication between coach and contestant during a match are not permitted (NFHS Rule 4-3-6).
- 15.2 Videotaping or filming by spectators
- 15.2.1 Shall be for personal use.
- 15.2.2 Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching.
- 15.2.3 Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
- 15.2.4 The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paid fans.
- 15.2.5 The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment.
- 15.2.6 Equipment will not be permitted in any competition area – only in the spectator seating area.
- 15.2.7 The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment.
- 15.2.8 Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.

16. Required Medical Professionals

A physician (M.D. or D.O.) must be present at all sectional, district, and state tournaments weigh-ins. It is highly recommended that **a dermatologist is present at weigh-ins**. The tournament physicians' decisions relative to the medical status of any wrestler are final. If a physician is unavailable during competition, an appropriate number of certified athletic trainers must be present.

17. Awards – District and State

Team trophies will be presented to the champion and runner-up teams in each tournament. Medals will be awarded to the coach of each champion and runner-up team. District medals will be awarded for the first six places in each weight class. State medals will be awarded for the first eight places in each weight class.

17.1 All district tournaments will qualify four competitors in each weight class to the state tournament.

District Athletic Boards will coordinate the assignment of four qualifiers from the sectional to the district tournaments. See the OHSAA web site for complete qualifier information.

17.2 Medals or trophies are not presented at the sectional tournaments.

18. State Tournament Qualifiers

18.1 Sixteen entries in each weight class qualify for the state individual tournament.

18.2 Entries for the state individual tournament from each district individual tournament shall be forwarded to the OHSAA office following the tournament as per instructions.

18.3 The use of an alternate from sectional to district or district to state is permissible when a qualifying wrestler cannot compete due to illness, injury, failure to make weight, flagrant misconduct or academic ineligibility. The alternate may be placed on the bracket up until the time that the weigh-in ends. (See number 12 above for process details.) No other wrestler will be moved on the bracket. No expenses will be paid nor complimentary admission passes granted to alternates unless they participate.

18.4 If there is no alternate available, that first round match will be considered a bye. Advancement because of such byes shall be scored according to NFHS Rule.

18.5 Weighing-in and passing medical checks is verifying entry; therefore, not appearing at a match will result in a forfeit.

19. Officials

Officials for sectional and district individual wrestling tournaments are assigned by the District Athletic Boards.

20. Media Credentials

All requests for media credentials at sectional and district tournaments shall be directed to the site manager. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at pass gate.

21. Admission Prices - Sectional and District

21.1 Students \$5 online & at the gate *(only if a high school venue)*

21.2 Adults \$8 online & at the gate *(only if a high school venue)*

21.3 Tickets may be purchased online at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>

22. Signs and Banners

Signs, school banners, pennants, shakers and mechanical noisemakers such as horns, bells, sirens, drums, etc. are not permitted.

23. Manager's Report (Sectional Tournaments)

A complete report listing the competing schools and number of competitors from each school that actually participate must be sent to the Executive Director's office by the tournament manager immediately following the tournament.

24. Sponsorship and Rights

The OHSAA is the sponsoring organization for the individual wrestling tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items at the tournament sites or any audio-visual reproductions of the events. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or other items at the site is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Boards for the sectional or district tournaments and the OHSAA Executive Director's office for the state tournaments. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournament for resale purposes is prohibited without written permission of the OHSAA Executive Director's office.

25. Advertising Prohibited

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio, or television that includes alcohol, tobacco, political parties, or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of interscholastic athletics.

26. Raffles Prohibited

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of wrestling tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

27. Sales Prohibited

The sale, distribution, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

28. Professionalism of Coaches

It is the moral obligation of all Ohio wrestling coaches to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon their high school, their profession and themselves. Personal grooming and appropriate dress is a standard of professionalism. The wearing of jeans, t-shirts, sweat suits and warm-up suits (top or bottom), head wear and similar apparel are not considered suitable attire for coaches during the OHSAA sectional, district or state wrestling tournaments and, therefore, are prohibited. Coaches who are inappropriately dressed will not be allowed on the competition floor. Moral behavior and ethical conduct are part of winning and losing. Good sportsmanship, appearance, honor, and concern for the well-being of the competitors must be every coach's priority. The rules have been established in the spirit of this statement.

29. Unsporting Conduct Policy

During participation in OHSAA tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or a flagrant foul shall be ineligible for the remainder of that tournament as well as for all contests in wrestling until two regular season/tournament contests (points) are competed at the same levels as the ejection. Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director's office by the tournament manager. The Executive Director's office may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11.

30. Property

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body, or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing school competitors, coaches, or followers. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive, the District Athletic Board or OHSAA Executive Director's office will become involved.

89th OHSAW Boys State Wrestling Individual Tournament
4th OHSAW Girls State Wrestling Tournament

March 13-15, 2026

The Jerome L. Schottenstein Center

The Ohio State University

Dr. Bruce L. Maurer, Tournament Manager

Refer to OHSAW Website - www.ohsaa.org

1. Regulations

The sectional and district individual tournaments regulations shall apply to the OHSAW Boys State Wrestling Individual Tournament and OHSAW Girls State Wrestling Tournament in addition to those listed below.

2. Management

The Boys State Wrestling Individual Tournament is under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAW.

3. Pairings

Pairings will be available beginning at noon, Sunday, March 8, 2026 (Boys) and Monday, March 9, 2026 (Girls) on the OHSAW website.

4. Admission

Individual ticket prices shall be as follows:

- 4.1 Students (all levels) = \$15 per session.
- 4.2 Adults (300 seats) = \$18 per session.
- 4.3 Adults (100 – 200 seats) = \$20 per session.
- 4.4 All-Session ticket package pricing is available direct through the Schottenstein Center or Ticketmaster.

No pass-outs are allowed.

5. Contestant and Coaches Admittance Tickets

Coaches will receive all-session tickets according to the following schedule:

- 5.1 1 qualifier (1 all-session ticket)
- 5.2 2 to 4 qualifiers (2 all-session tickets)
- 5.3 5 to 8 qualifiers (3 all-session tickets)
- 5.4 9 to 14 qualifiers (4 all-session tickets)

Each contestant will receive 1 all-session ticket.

6. Program

The price of the official OHSAW printed program for the state wrestling tournaments shall be \$5.00.

7. Media Credentials

Media credential requests shall be submitted to the OHSAW per procedures outlines on the OHSAW website. All requests should be sent to the attention of Tim Stried, Director of Media Relations, at tstried@ohsaa.org. The deadline for submitting requests is 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 10th. Walk-up requests will not be accepted. Proper identification must be presented for admission at the pass gate.

8. Practice Sites

There is no facility available at The Schottenstein Center to conduct practices or the weigh-in prior to Friday, March 13th. It is the responsibility of the coach or administrator to make practice arrangements with local area high schools or some other group.

9. Packet Pickup

State tournament packets, which contain tickets, parking passes, and tournament information, may be picked up in the Aux Gymnasium, located on the west side of The Schottenstein Center, beginning at **9:00 a.m., Friday, March 13th.**

During the packet pickup, coaches' upper-bowl level, all-session tickets will be available for purchase in the southwest rotunda.

10. Parking

Instructions for reserved coaches parking will be in the packet. Passes will be distributed as follows:

- 10.1 1 – 4 qualifiers (1 pass)
- 10.2 5 – 8 qualifiers (2 passes)
- 10.3 9 – 12 qualifiers (3 passes)
- 10.4 13 – 14 qualifiers (4 passes)

Coaches' parking passes are non-transferable.

11. Alternates (Prior to the Friday Weigh in)

If a wrestler who qualified will not be able to compete, you must contact Monroe Britton (mbritton@ohsaa.org) as soon as possible so the alternate can be notified. Please be considerate of all wrestlers. The wrestler who originally qualified will still receive a program & tickets for the tournament. Alternates will not weigh in or receive tickets, programs, or parking passes unless they are placed in the State Bracket. However, alternates can purchase all-session tickets in the southwest rotunda (See #13 below).

12. Alternates (During the Friday Weigh in)

A white board located next to the weigh-in area will display the status of which weight classes have weighed in. When staff is notified that an alternate will replace a qualifier, an announcement is made. The policy regarding where alternates are placed in the bracket is located in the OHSA State Program.

13. Weigh-Ins

Scales are unavailable Thursday, March 12th. Scales will open **Friday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. on the arena floor**. The wrestler will be able to weigh-in unofficially from **9:00 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.** on the same scale which he/she will weigh-in officially beginning at his appointed time. Coaches are encouraged to utilize this unofficial weigh-in. By making the same scales available for the unofficial weigh-in, it is anticipated that all wrestlers will make weight during the official weigh-in. All wrestlers must weigh-in on **Friday, March 13th from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** **Weigh-in shall be scratch weight plus 3 pounds** for the Friday weigh-in.

All Girls and Boys Championship Semifinalists and Consolation Semifinalists may begin weighing-out Saturday at 4:30 p.m. All wrestlers who qualify for Sunday must report for the weigh-out during Session #3. Weigh-out will conclude 30 minutes after the last match is finished for Session #3. If any wrestler does not make weight during the weigh-out period during Session #3, there will be a final weigh-out period Sunday (8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the aux gym). Weigh-in shall be **scratch weight plus 4 pounds** for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning weigh-out.

14. Professionalism of Coaches

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15. Coaches Meeting

There will be a coach's information meeting **Friday, March 13th, 10:00 a.m.**, in the main arena of The Schottenstein Center.

16. Locker Rooms

Lockers will not be available for contestants. **Separate shower rooms for boys and girls** will be available and located behind press row. A room located in the Aux Gymnasium will be available to "check" medical kits, equipment bags, etc. (similar to a coat check).

17. Awards

Awards for the first 8 places will be presented Sunday evening **after the final championship matches conclude**. Wrestlers are required to appear in their high school warm-ups in order to receive their awards.

18. Time Schedule

Note: Times are approximate. Please review the OHSA website for the most current information.

Friday, March 13

- 8:00 AM Ticket Office Opens.
- 9:00 AM Coaches packet pickup in Aux Gym – Enter SW doors. Scales available for unofficial weigh-in.
- 10:00 AM Coaches Meeting in Main Arena.
- 10:15 AM Weigh-in begins on the arena floor.
- 11:15 AM Weigh-in ends.
- 12:00 PM Doors open and the ticket office opens for advance ticket sales and single-sessions.

Session 1 (Approximate Times 1:00 PM – 9:30 PM)

- 1:00 PM **Session 1** (Championship Preliminaries and Consolations Round 1) begins: 10 mats.
- 1:00 PM D III Championship Preliminaries.
- 2:20 PM D II Championship Preliminaries.
- 3:30 PM D III Consolations Round 1.
- 4:10 PM D II Consolations Round 1.
- 4:45 PM D I Championship Preliminaries.
- 6:20 PM Girls Championship Preliminaries.
- 7:10 PM D I Consolations Round 1.
- 7:50 PM Girls Consolation Round 1.

Saturday, March, 14

Session 2 (Approximate Times 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

- 8:00 AM Ticket office opens.
- 8:30 AM Doors open.
- 9:30 AM **Session 2** (Quarterfinals and Consolations Round 2) begins: 10 mats.
- 9:30 AM D III Championship Quarterfinals.
- 10:10 AM D II Championship Quarterfinals.
- 10:50 AM D III Consolations Round 2.
- 11:30 PM D II Consolations Round 2.
- 12:10 PM D I Championship Quarterfinals.
- 12:50 PM Girls Championship Quarterfinals.
- 1:30 PM D I Consolations Round 2.
- 2:10 PM Girls Consolations Round 2.

Session 3 (Approximate Times 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM)

- 4:30 PM Doors open.
- 4:30 PM Weigh-in begins.
- 5:15 PM Special Awards Ceremony
- 5:30 PM **Session 3** Championship (Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals) begins: 8 mats
- 5:30 PM Girls Championship Semifinals begin on Mats 1 & 2
- 5:30 PM D I Championship Semifinals begin on Mats 3 & 4
- 5:30 PM D II Championship Semifinals begin on Mats 5 & 6
- 5:30 PM D III Championship Semifinals begin on Mats 7 & 8
- 7:00 PM Girls Consolation Quarterfinals begin on Mats 1 & 2
- 7:25 PM D I Consolation Quarterfinals begin on Mats 3 & 4
- 7:25 PM D II Consolation Quarterfinals begin on Mats 5 & 6
- 7:25 PM D III Consolation Quarterfinals begin on Mats 7 & 8

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Session 4 (Approximate Times 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM)

- 7:45 AM Ticket Office opens.
- 8:00 AM Doors open.
- 9:30 AM **Session 4** (Consolations) begins: 8 mats.
- 9:30 AM D I, II, III, and Girls Consolations Semifinals.
- 10:45 AM D I, II, III, and Girls 7th, 5th, and 3rd place matches will be wrestled concurrently.

Session 5 (Approximate Times 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM)

- 4:00 PM Doors open.
- 4:50 PM Hall of Fame Ceremonies.
- 5:00 PM **Session 5** (All Finals) begins: 4 mats.
- 5:00 PM Parade of Champions.
- 5:15 PM D I, II, III, and Girls 1st Place matches will be wrestled concurrently.



Addendum A

Match Limitation Policy for One-Day **Sectional** Tournaments

Per National Federation Rule 1.4.3 EXCEPTION, no wrestler shall wrestle in more than six matches championship or consolation, excluding forfeits in any one day of competition. **There will not be a Third or Fifth Place match if either wrestler has already wrestled 6 times.**

Per National Federation Casebook -- If one wrestler had wrestled in five matches and the other wrestler in six matches, then the wrestler with five matches would be the winner by forfeit. **The match must be scored by NFHS Rule: The wrestler who has not wrestled 6 times will place Third or Fifth by forfeit. If both wrestlers have wrestled 6 times, there will be no match and no points will be awarded.**

If there is no third-place finisher determined by physical wrestling in the **sectional tournament, both wrestlers will advance to the district tournament.** The following criteria will be used to determine their placement on the bracket for the district tournament. If the first item listed does not decide the placement, the next item(s) will be considered until a winner has been determined. **If there is no fifth-place finisher determined by physical wrestling in the **sectional**, the same criteria will be used to determine the alternate.**

1. The wrestler who has been penalized the least number of points for unsportsmanlike conduct throughout the sectional tournament shall be declared the winner of the placement position.
2. If the wrestlers have met previously in the **sectional tournament**, the winner of that match will be the winner of the placement position.
3. **Point values based on the quality of matches wrestled will be added to determine who has the greater number of points.**

	Points	Total
Win(s) by fall, forfeit, default, or disqualification	5	
Win(s) by technical fall	4	
Win(s) by major decision	3	
Win(s) by regular decision	2	
Loss(es) by regular decision	1	
Loss(es) by a major decision	½	

The wrestler with the greater total points will be the winner of the placement position.

4. The wrestler who has won by the most falls/defaults/disqualifications during the **sectional** tournament shall be the winner of the placement position.
5. The wrestler who has won by the most technical falls through the **sectional** tournament shall be the winner of the placement position.
6. The wrestler with the most wins by major decisions through the **sectional** tournament shall be the winner of the placement position.
7. The wrestler who has scored the greater number of items listed below will be the winner of the placement position. These shall be considered **one line at a time** until a winner is determined.
 - 7.1 Greater number of near falls.
 - 7.2 Greater number of takedowns.
 - 7.3 Greater number of reversals.
 - 7.4 Greater number of escapes.
 - 7.5 Penalized the least for stalling.
 - 7.6 Warned the least for stalling.
8. If all items listed (items 1-7) fail to determine a winner, the tournament manager will use a coin flip to determine the winner of the placement position.

Addendum A (continued)

Weight Classes with 17 or More Wrestlers in One-day Tournaments

1. If a weight class has **17 or more wrestlers**, then a wrestler may reach the 6-match limit in the consolation bracket.
 - 1.1 By NFHS Rules, the wrestler cannot wrestle a seventh match.
 - 1.2 See **Match-Limitation Policy** in the **Addendum** above.
2. A rat-tail loser could reach the 6-match limit after the Consolation Semifinals if he/she wins all the way back.
 - 2.1 If one wrestler had wrestled in five matches and the other wrestler in six matches, then the wrestler with five matches would be the winner by forfeit.
 - 2.2 The match must be scored by NFHS Rule: The wrestler who has not wrestled 6 times will place Third or Fifth by forfeit.
 - 2.3 If both wrestlers have wrestled 6 times, there will be no match and no points will be awarded.
 - 2.4 **Addendum A** above will be used to determine placement on the district bracket.
3. A rat-tail winner who loses his/her second-round match and wins all the way back could wrestle their sixth match in the **Consolation Quarterfinals** and not be able to wrestle in the **Consolation Semifinals** on the same day.
 - 3.1 By NFHS Rules, the wrestler cannot wrestle a seventh match.
 - 3.2 If they cannot finish, NFHS Rules will prevail.
 - 3.2.1 The wrestler who has not wrestled 6 times will advance by forfeit.
 - 3.2.2 If both wrestlers have wrestled 6 times, there will be no match and nobody will advance.
 - 3.3 To complete the tournament, the **OHSAA Protocol to Resolve 7th-Match in Consolation Semifinals** will be used.

OHSAA Protocol to Resolve 7th-Match in Consolation Semifinals

1. If any wrestler advances to the **Consolation Semifinals** and **cannot wrestle a seventh match** on the same day:
 - 1.1 All four remaining **Consolation Semifinalists** shall return to the tournament site (or another mutually agreeable site) to complete the remaining consolation matches on the next day or Monday.
 - 1.2 The manager and head official will meet with the coaches and wrestlers to determine the path forward.
 - 1.3 The coaches and wrestlers will be required to sign the **7th Match Waiver (Addendum C)** agreeing to participate or waive participation and agree to forfeit the match.
 - 1.4 The manager shall be the final authority.
2. Click **OHSAA 7th Match in Consolation Semifinals Protocol (Addendum B)** for additional details.



Addendum B

OHSAA 7th Match in Consolation Semifinals Protocol (6 Match Maximum/Day)



NHFS Rule 1-4-3 (Exception) states: "No wrestler shall wrestle more than six matches (championship or consolation), excluding forfeits, in any one day of a tournament conducted by the state high school association for qualification to the state high school championships or the actual championship."

Accordingly, the OHSAA will implement the following protocol if at least one contestant wrestled a sixth match (in one day) to qualify for a consolation semifinal match (i.e., the consolation semifinal match would be the 7th match of the day).

1. The semifinal matches (upper and lower brackets) shall be postponed until the next day or Monday.
2. The placement match site shall be the same as the original Sectional Tournament site, unless by mutual consent, the coaches of the 4 consolation semifinalists agree on an alternate site.
3. A consolation semifinalist may waive participation in the consolation semifinals and agree to forfeit the match.
4. Check-in for the consolation semifinals matches is _____
5. Weigh-ins begin at _____
 - 5.1 Weigh-outs (scratch plus 4) at the Sectional site will be allowed once the 4 semifinalists for a particular weight class are determined.
 - 5.2 Weigh-outs will be 30 minutes in duration for each weight class (commencing when the weighmaster opens the scales for a particular weight class).
 - 5.3 Weigh-outs begin with the lowest weight class proceeding to the highest weight class.
 - 5.4 Next day weigh-ins (scratch plus 4) will be available for semifinalists not making weight at weigh-outs.
 - 5.5 Weigh-ins shall begin with the lowest weight class and end immediately upon the completion of weigh-ins for the highest weight class.
 - 5.6 NFHS rules will be observed for weigh-ins.
 - 5.7 Skin checks for all semifinalists will be conducted before wrestling begins.
6. Wrestling begins at _____.
7. The Sectional Tournament Manager may change the wrestling starting time. See f subject to maintaining the time intervals under d and e above.
8. One mat and 2 officials (lead and assistant) will be utilized for the placement matches.
9. An appropriate wrestling room is sufficient to accommodate the event.
 - 9.1 Wrestling shall commence with the lowest weight class proceeding through to the highest weight class.
 - 9.2 The top bracket semifinal shall be contested first, followed by the bottom bracket semifinal.
 - 9.3 The 3rd place match(es) will be wrestled following the conclusion of the semifinal match(es). Matches are conducted in weight class order, subject to the required 30-minute rest.
 - 9.4 The 5th place match(es) shall be wrestled following the conclusion of the 3rd place match(es). Matches are conducted in weight class order, subject to the required 30-minute rest.
 - 9.5 If Monday consolation semifinals are necessary, the Sectional Tournament Manager shall canvass the officials assigned to the Sectional Tournament to determine the officials' availability and select two of the available officials to officiate.
 - 9.6 Admission to the placement matches is free of charge.
 - 9.7 The Sectional Tournament Manager shall post results to baumspace immediately following the last match.



Addendum C

OHSAA 7th Match in Consolation Semifinal Waiver

For Consolation Semifinalists if any of the four wrestlers has already wrestled six times.

Sectional Site: _____

Gender: ____ Male ____ Female

Weight Class: _____

Wrestler's Name and School: _____

Wrestler's Opponent Name and School: _____

Head Coach and Wrestler: Please indicate your intent to participate in the Consolation Semifinals and Finals by checking the appropriate blank (1 or 2) below.

1. ____ We **agree to participate** in the Consolation Semifinals and Finals to determine sectional placement.

To be contested on _____ (date), at _____ (time) with weigh-in at _____ (time) at Site: _____.

Head Coach Signature: _____

Contestant Signature: _____

2. ____ We **waive participation** in the Consolation Semifinals and Finals to determine sectional placement and **agree to forfeit the match.**

To be contested on _____ (date), at _____ (time) with weigh-in at _____ (time) at Site: _____

Head Coach Signature: _____

Contestant Signature: _____