

2012 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
REFER TO 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 October 20, 2011. Please check the OHSAA web site for the most complete and up-to-date information.

The Commissioner is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

1. ORGANIZATION OF TOURNAMENTS

The District Athletic Boards cooperatively organize and conduct sectional and district tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The state tournaments (Divisions I, II, and III) are conducted by the Commissioner's office.

All participants must be eligible under the bylaws and regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Only one school team sponsored by a member school is eligible to participate. Only one participant from each school may enter a weight class.

2. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS – SECTIONAL-DISTRICT

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.

3. RULES/REGULATIONS

3.1 The National Federation Wrestling Rules, as may be modified by the OHSAA Board of Directors, shall be used in all wrestling tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA.

3.2 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 Commissioner shall serve as the final authority on all questions and interpretations arising from the tournament.

4. WEIGHT CLASSES

There are fourteen weight classes in which wrestlers may compete: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, 285.

5. CONTESTANT WEIGH-INS

Weigh-ins will be conducted at the tournament site prior to the first-day competition in accordance with NF Rule 4-5. Weigh-ins for subsequent day(s) may be conducted during the evening preceding each subsequent day(s) competition. The tournament manager shall set weigh-ins within these time limits.

6. WRESTLEBACKS

Wrestlebacks from the first round will be used in all sectional and district tournaments and the state tournament.

7. SCORING

The point system as adopted by the National Federation Wrestling Rules Committee for the current season shall be used in all tournaments. Rules are specific in awarding points during tournaments and shall be followed in all OHSAA tournaments.

8. ENTRY FORMS AND ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

- (a) Each school shall utilize on-line entries or entries as directed by the manager of the sectional tournament. An eligibility certificate, 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 sectional tournament..
- (b) A high school wrestler who participates in a non-interscholastic wrestling meet or contest on or after January 16, 2012 is **INELIGIBLE** to represent his high school in the sectional wrestling tournament.
- (c) For the sectional tournament, the competing wrestlers must:
1. Be listed on the eligibility certificate and the Alpha Master Roster.
 2. Wrestle only at the lowest allowable weight or any weight class above as specified by the rules.
- (d) After the seeding and drawing for a weight class is completed, a wrestler:
1. Cannot be entered in another weight class;
 2. Cannot be substituted if he fails to make weight;
 3. May be substituted, prior to the conclusion of weigh-ins, in the event of injury or illness.

Exception: Prior to the scheduled start of District Tournament Session #1, if one qualifying wrestler from sectional is unable to wrestle, the alternate shall be placed on the vacated line of the bracket in the first round. No other wrestler will be moved on the bracket. If more than one wrestler from a district is unable to wrestle, a coin flip (2 wrestlers), or random draw (3 or more wrestlers) will determine on which line the wrestlers will be placed. No other wrestler will be moved on the bracket. A BYE is placed on the bracket for a wrestler who fails to make weight and no alternate is available. After the scheduled start of Session #1 when a wrestler wins by: A. DEFAULT (When an opponent is unable to continue wrestling): B. DISQUALIFICATION (When an opponent is removed from participation in accordance with the penalty chart): or C. FORFEIT (When an opponent fails to appear for a match), the winning wrestler must report to the mat. A wrestler failing to make weight during the course of the tournament is ineligible for further competition and cannot place in the tournament unless failure to make weight is due to injury or illness.

9. SEEDING AND DRAWING

District

Seeding and drawing procedures will be established by the respective district boards. Such procedures must be in accordance with Rule 10 of the National Federation Wrestling Rule Book.

State

The state draw will be conducted by the Commissioner's office prior to the district tournaments according to the following criteria: The random pairings for the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament are conducted prior to the start of the district tournaments and are based on the following criteria: A. Each district has representation in each quarter bracket with an equitable balance of all pairings by district - #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3 etc.; B. No two wrestlers from the same district will meet in the first round: C. Pairings are balanced: D. Returning OHSAA 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 Tournament as a District Champion: E. If from the same district, the wrestler(s) only loss must be a top 3 state placer from last year.

10. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team or individual shall be allowed to compete in the sectional, district, or state 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 3-2-1)

11. VIDEOTAPING

- (a) Videotaping or filming by participating schools.

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.

(b) Videotaping or filming by spectators

1. Shall be for personal use.
2. Shall not be used for the purpose of scouting or coaching.
3. Shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
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.
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment.
6. Equipment will not be permitted in any competition area – only in the spectator seating area.
7. The tournament site will not provide sources of power for video equipment.
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of offender from the premises.

12. Required Medical Professionals

A physician (M.D. or D.O.) must be present at all sectional, district, and state tournaments 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.

13. AWARDS

District and State

Team trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams in each tournament. Medals will be awarded to the coach of each championship 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.

14. REPRESENTATION TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT – 2012 and 2013

Representation shall be as follow:

<u>III</u>		<u>II</u>		<u>I</u>	
CE/E/SE	4	C/E	4	C/E/SE	4
NE	4	NE	4	NE/NW	4
NW/SW	4	NE/NW	4	NE	4
NW	<u>4</u>	SW/SE	<u>4</u>	SW	<u>4</u>
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NOTE: 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 page for complete qualifier information.

15. STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

- (a) Sixteen entries in each weight class qualify for the state tournaments.
- (b) Entries for the state tournaments from each district tournament shall be forwarded to the OHSAA office following the tournament as per instructions.
- (c) If a qualifier is unable to wrestle in the next tournament, there will be a bye on that line. Only qualifiers will advance to the next tournament (Exception – see note below).
- (d) If a qualifying wrestler is unable to participate due to injury, illness, ineligibility, not appearing at weigh-in or unable to make weight (failure to verify entry) that 1st round match will be considered a bye. (See note below). Advancement because of such byes shall be scored according to National Federation Rule. Weighing in and passing medical checks is verifying entry; therefore, not appearing at a match will result in a forfeit.

NOTE: 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 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. **No other wrestler will be moved on the bracket. No expenses will be paid nor free admission passes granted to alternates unless they actually participate.**

16. OFFICIALS

Officials for sectional and district wrestling tournaments are assigned as directed by the District Boards. The officials for the state wrestling tournaments shall be assigned by the Commissioner according to the procedure adopted by the Board of Directors in proportion to the number of class 1 registered officials in the district. No wrestling official may officiate in more than two state tournaments in a three year period.

17. RADIO, PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

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

18. ADMISSION PRICES

Sectional and district admission prices will be established by the respective District Boards, but will not exceed \$7.00 per session.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MANAGERS AND SCHOOLS

Each person paying admission **MUST** be given a ticket. All tickets must be torn in half when the purchaser is admitted. If the sale and admittance are handled at the same location then the purchaser is entitled to and shall be given one-half of the ticket. Such ticket stubs shall **NOT** be used as pass-out tickets.

19. SIGNS AND BANNERS

Signs, school banners, pennants, shakers, mechanical noisemakers such as horns, bells, sirens, drums, etc. are **NOT PERMITTED!**

20. REPORTS BY MANAGERS (Sectional Tournaments)

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

21. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring organization for the 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 Commissioner 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 Commissioner.

22. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

23. 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.

24. PROHIBITED SALES

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

25. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT PENALTY

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 the ejection.

Individuals ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Commissioner by the tournament manager. The Commissioner may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 12.

26. 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 schools 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 Board or OHSAA Commissioner will become involved

75th STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS
March 1, 2, 3, 2012
DIVISION I, II and III – THE JEROME L. SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER,
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Bruce L. Maurer, Manager

Refer to OHSAA Website - www.ohsaa.org

1. REGULATIONS

The same regulations for sectional and district wrestling tournaments shall apply to the state tournaments in addition to those listed below.

2. MANAGEMENT

The state wrestling tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and The Ohio State University. The Tournament Manager is Dr. Bruce L. Maurer, The Ohio State University.

3. STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

Pairings will be available beginning at noon on February 26 on the OHSAA web page. The address is www.ohsaa.org and pairings will be listed in the wrestling category under the "Sports News" category.

4. ADMISSION

Order forms for All-Session tickets are mailed to coaches, school administrators and others in November. The advance sale, lower bowl ticket price is \$75.00 plus postage/handling. Ticket orders for public seating are available from The Ohio State University Ticket Office starting February 1, 2012. Call 614-292-2624. Public All-Session tickets, \$55.00, plus postage and handling, must be ordered by mail through The Ohio State Ticket Office on the official OHSAA form. Advance All-Session ticket orders must be received by the ticket office as directed on the order form.

A limited number of single-session general admission tickets will be available beginning February 27 at 10:00 a.m. The single session ticket price is - \$15.00.

No pass-outs are allowed. Cheerleaders and mat maids must purchase a ticket. They will not be allowed on the floor or mat area.

5. CONTESTANT AND COACHES TICKETS

Coaches will receive books of tickets according to the following schedule: one contestant – one book; two to four contestants – two books; five or more contestants – three books. Each contestant will receive a book of tickets.

6. PROGRAM

The price of the official OHSAA printed program for the state wrestling tournaments shall be \$5.00. Completed brackets are available for \$1.00 per division per session or \$7.00 for all sessions after the completion of the tournaments.

7. PRINT MEDIA & TELEVISION NEWS

Reservations shall be submitted, in writing, to the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The fax number is (614) 267-1677. All requests should be sent to the attention of Tim Stried, Director of Information Services. The deadline for submitting reservations is 4:00 P.M. on February 28. Walk-up requests will not be accepted. Proper media outlet credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate

8. RADIO BROADCAST AND TELECAST OR CABLECAST

Stations who wish to broadcast, telecast or cablecast tournament matches shall submit a letter of intention to the OHSAA, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The fax number is (614) 267-1677. All requests should be sent to the attention of Tim Stried, Director of Information Services. The deadline for submitting reservations is 4:00 P.M. on February 28.

9. WRESTLING PRACTICE SITES

There is no facility available at The Schottenstein Center to conduct practices or weigh-ins prior to Thursday, March 1st. It is the responsibility of the coach or administrator to make practice arrangements with local area high schools or some other group.

10. PACKET PICKUP

State tournament packets, which contain tickets, parking passes and tournament information, may be picked up in the Auxiliary Gymnasium, located on the west side of The Schottenstein Center beginning at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, March 1.

During the packet pickup, Coaches' terrace level, All-Session tickets will be available for purchase in the SW Rotonda.

11. PARKING

Instructions for reserved coaches parking will be in the packet. Public parking will be available on The Ohio State University Campus at no charge. Coaches' parking passes are non-transferable.

12. WEIGH-INS

Scales will not be available Wednesday, February 29. Scales will open Thursday, March 1 at 10:00 A.M. in the Auxiliary Gym. The wrestler will be able to weigh-in unofficially from 10:00 A.M. to 11:05 A.M. on the same scale which he 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-ins, it is anticipated that all wrestlers will make weight during the official weigh-in. All wrestlers must weigh-in Thursday, March 1 from 11:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

The Division I, II, and III Championship Semifinalists and Consolation Semifinalists may begin weighing-in Friday evening at 5:30 P.M. All wrestlers who qualify for Saturday must report for weigh-ins during Session #3. Weigh-ins will conclude 30 minutes after the last match is finished for Session #3. If any wrestler does not make weight during the weigh-in period during Session #3, there will be a final weigh-in period Saturday morning (9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.). Wrestlers will not weigh-in Friday morning.

13. COACHES MEETING

There will be a coach's informational meeting Thursday, March 1 at 11:00 A.M. in the main arena of The Schottenstein Center.

14. LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES

Lockers will not be available for contestants. Showers will be available in rooms located behind press row. A room located in the Auxiliary Gymnasium will be available to "check" medical kits, equipment bag, etc. (similar to a coat check).

15. AWARDS

Awards for the first eight places will be presented Saturday evening during the FINAL session. Wrestlers are required to appear in their high school warm-ups in order to receive their awards. 3rd through 8th place finishers should enter the floor through the bull pen immediately after the time their weight class is finished wrestling.

16. ALLOWANCE FOR STATE TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

Expenses for participants and coaches in all state tournaments will be determined according to the county in which the school is located rather than on a mileage basis. The travel allowance schedule per wrestler is as follows:

Zone 1	Franklin County - \$27.00
Zone 2	Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union Counties - \$27.00
Zone 3	Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Fayette, Greene, Hardin, Hocking, Knox, Logan, Marion, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry and Ross Counties - \$39.50
Zone 4	Allen, Ashland, Athens, Auglaize, Clinton, Crawford, Guernsey, Hancock, Highland, Holmes, Jackson, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Richland, Shelby, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Warren and Wyandot Counties - \$54.50
Zone 5	Adams, Belmont, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Clermont, Darke, Gallia, Hamilton, Harrison, Huron, Lawrence, Lorain, Medina, Meigs, Mercer, Monroe, Preble, Putnam, Seneca, Scioto, Stark, Van Wert, Wayne, Washington, and Wood Counties - \$77.00
Zone 6	Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Geauga, Henry, Jefferson, Lake, Lucas, Mahoning, Ottawa, Paulding, Portage, Sandusky, Summit, Trumbull and Williams Counties: - \$89.50

The expenses of a coach will be paid on the same basis as a wrestler. The number of coaches to be reimbursed is as follows: one wrestler, one coach; two to four wrestlers, two coaches; five or more wrestlers, three coaches. There is no expense allowance for managers, trainers, etc.

STATE TOURNAMENT TIME SCHEDULE

NOTE: Times are approximate. Please review the OHSAA web site after January 1 for the most current information.

Thursday, March 1

8:00 A.M. Ticket Office Opens
10:00 A.M. Coaches packet pickup in Aux Gym – Enter SW doors. Scales available for unofficial weigh-in.
11:00 A.M. Coaches meeting in Main Arena.
11:15 A.M. Weigh-ins begin in Aux Gym: Div. III, 11:15-11:30 A.M.; Div. II, 11:30-11:45 A.M.;
Div. I, 11:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
12:15 P.M. Weigh-ins end.
2:00 P.M. Doors open and the ticket office opens for advance ticket sales and single-sessions.
3:00 P.M. Session Number 1 (Championship Preliminaries and Consolations Round 1) begins: 10 mats
3:00 P.M. Division III Championship Preliminaries.
4:20 P.M. Division II Championship Preliminaries.
5:45 P.M. Division I Championship Preliminaries.
7:25 P.M. Division III Consolations Round 1.
8:00 P.M. Division II Consolations Round 1.
8:45 P.M. Division I Consolations Round 1.

Friday, March 2

8:00 A.M. Ticket office opens
9:00 A.M. Doors open.
10:00 A.M. Session Number 2 (Quarterfinals and Consolations Round 2) begins: 10 mats
10:00 A.M. Div. III Championship Quarterfinals.
10:40 A.M. Div. II Championship Quarterfinals.
11:20 A.M. Div. I Championship Quarterfinals.
12:15 P.M. Div. III Consolations Round 2.
1:00 P.M. Div. II Consolations Round 2.
1:45 P.M. Div. I Consolations Round 2.
5:30 P.M. Doors open.
5:30 P.M. Weigh-ins begin.
6:30 P.M. Session Number 3 Championship (Semifinals and Consolation Quarterfinals) begins: 9 mats
6:15 P.M. Special Awards Ceremony
6:30 P.M. Division I Championship Semifinals begin on Mats 1 & 2
6:30 P.M. Division I Consolation Quarterfinals begin on Mat 3
6:30 P.M. Division II Championship Semifinals begin on Mats 4 & 5
6:30 P.M. Division II Consolation Quarterfinals begin on Mat 6
6:30 P.M. Division III Championship Semifinals begin on Mats 7 & 8
6:30 P.M. Division III Consolation Quarterfinals begin on Mat 9
8:50 P.M. Division I Consolation Quarterfinals continue on Mats 1 –3
8:50 P.M. Division II Consolation Quarterfinals continue on Mats 4 – 6
8:50 P.M. Division III Consolation Quarterfinals continue on Mats 7 – 9

Saturday, March 3

8:00 A.M. Ticket Office opens.

9:00 A.M. Doors open.

10:00 A.M. Session Number 4 (Consolations) begins: 9 mats

10:00 A.M. Div. I, II and III Consolations Semifinals.

11:00 A.M. Div. I, II and Third, Fifth and Seventh place matches will be wrestled concurrently.

4:15 P.M. Doors open.

5:15 P.M. Hall of Fame Ceremonies.

5:30 P.M. Session Number 5 (All Finals) begins: 3 mats.

5:30 P.M. Parade of Champions

5:45 P.M. Div. I, II, III First Place matches will be wrestled concurrently.

APPROXIMATE INCLUSIVE TIMES

Session 1: 3:00 P.M. -10:00 P.M.

Session 2: 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Session 3: 6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Session 4: 10:00 A.M. - 1:15 P.M.

Session 5 5:30 P.M. - 9:45 P.M.