

2024 OHSAA Wrestling
Division III Northeast Tournament
Independence

Location: Independence Field House – Adjacent to Independence High School, 6354 Selig Drive, Independence, OH 44131

Dates: Friday, March 1 and Saturday March 2, 2024

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Pairing Posted at: Baum’s Page – District Tournament: Division III Independence

The purpose of this document is to provide athletic directors, coaches and wrestlers with all the information you need for the upcoming Division III Wrestling Tournament. Independence is excited to host this tournament and feels a strong obligation to conduct this tournament in a positive and safe environment for wrestlers, coaches and fans. In preparation for this event, please review the [OHSAA Individual Tournament Guidelines](#).

Professionalism as Coaches

It is an obligation of all Ohio wrestling coaches to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon their high school, their profession and themselves. Appropriate dress is a part of that 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 sectional, district or state tournament, and are therefore prohibited. Coaches who are inappropriately dress will not be permitted on the competition floor.

Coaches Passes*

Up to 14 wrestlers that have qualified for the district tournament (plus alternates), will be admitted to the district wrestling tournament. Additionally, one (1) head coach and one (1) additional coach per the chart below will be admitted at the pass gate. Only coaches will have access to the competition floor.

1-2 qualifiers – One head coach and one assistant

3-4 qualifiers – one head coach and two assistant coaches

5-9 qualifiers – One head coach and three assistant coaches

10-14 qualifiers – One head coach and four assistant coaches

*All extra personnel (i.e. statisticians, trainers, managers, etc.) are required to purchase a ticket at the regular admission price. A school superintendent, principal, or athletic director will also be admitted free of charge, with one guest, upon providing appropriate identification.

Tournament Venue Entry and Designated Team Areas

District qualifiers must show up together with their team including all coaches. Wrestlers and coaches only will be admitted as a team to each session for wight-ins and into wrestler designate areas.

Upon entering the Independence facilities on each competition day, teams will be checked in based upon order of arrival. At Check-in, the coach must confirm that accuracy of the roster submitted, including name (spelling), grades and records. Teams will be escorted to designated team areas after check-in to the west wall of the fieldhouse where each team will have a designate area.

District alternates may arrive and enter the facility and check-in. The alternates will remain in the area near the weigh-ins and skin checks. Alternates are not participants unless officially notified by the tournament director. Coaches of qualifiers that are known to be unable to participate in the tournament should notify the tournament director as soon as reasonably practicable. If a wrestler fails to make weight or pass skin check and there is no alternate to fill the spot, then the vacated line on the bracket will become a bye.

Parking

Parking will be is lots adjacent to the Field House, High School and Middle School to the East of the High School. **There will be absolutely no parking on any grass area's.**

Weigh-ins/Skin Checks

- Weigh-ins will be conducted at this tournament site on the first day of competition in accordance with NFHS Wrestling Rule 4-5.
- Any wrestler who is not present in the designated weigh-in area after his/her weight class is called will be denied the opportunity to weigh-in and will be scratched from the tournament.
- At check-in the coach must confirm the accuracy of the roster submitted, including the name, (spelling), grade and record of each competing wrestler. The coach must also submit the Alpha Weigh-In sheet.
- Contestants who are called to the designated weigh-in area before weigh-in commence must be dressed in full legal uniform (with suitable undergarments). **The designated weigh-in area is NOT the place for contestants to dress from their street clothes into their uniforms. It does not matter if the contestants are of the same gender, changing from street clothes into legal uniforms must take place in gender specific locker rooms, not the designated weigh-in area.**
All wrestlers in the designated weigh-in area must have their uniform straps up.
 - NFHS Rule 4-5-7 mandates that all wrestlers weigh-in wearing a legal uniform and suitable undergarment that completely cover the buttocks and groin area. In addition, female contestants must wear a suitable form fitted compression undergarment that completely covers the breast.

- These rules simplify the weigh-in process for meet managers, officials, and contestants by accommodating gender-neutral weigh-ins. By situating all of the competitors in the same area wearing a legal uniform (with suitable undergarments), modesty concerns are reduced, and gender issues mitigated.
- Prior to arriving at skin checks/weigh ins, make sure all wrestlers are properly groomed and present the proper NFHS Physicians Skin Release Form (if applicable) appropriately signed and dated, as well as any special equipment such as hair covering, mouth guards, padding, special taping, or bracing as examples. Wrestlers should have their facial hair and nails cut prior to weigh-ins. Any evidence of ringworm, or any other contagious skin diseases will prohibit that wrestler from competing in the tournament. An athletic trainer and head official will supervise the weigh-in and check all wrestlers hair, skin and nails.
- All special equipment must be brought to weigh-in for inspection and approved by the head official.
- Weigh-ins for the district tournament will be conducted by weight class.
- Once weigh-ins commence, the open area weigh-in location, including where the teams are situated, becomes the designated weigh-in area. Competitors shall remain in the designated weigh-in area with their team and cannot leave. Official weigh-ins conclude for a weight class when the last wrestler in that weight class steps off of the scale. Weigh-ins are then closed for that weight class. Please address any questions about this requirement to the head official.
- A competitor will not mount the scale platform until the previous competitor has vacated the scale area and called by the weighmaster.
- Multiple scales will be employed for weigh-ins, and weight classes will be assigned to a particular scale. The next weight class will not be called to that scale until the last member of the previous weight class has vacated the scale area.
- All actual weights must be confirmed and recorded at each weigh-in.
- Once the weigh-in process begins at the 106 class, all exercise activities must stop inside the facility.
- Wrestlers get two tries on the first scale, then one try on each additional scale in the designated weigh-in area.
- 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.

Weigh-outs

- Weigh-outs may begin after the 144 weight class on the first day of competition for all contestants who have concluded wrestling for the day. Weigh-outs will be called by weight classes. 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 has 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.
- 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).
- Per NFHS Rule 3-1-5, skin and grooming checks are mandatory for each day prior to competition.

Bout Boards and Brackets

Bout Boards will be posted in Independence Fieldhouse. Bout schedules by mats are also available in TrackWrestling:

The TrackWrestling tournament navigation Mat Assignments / Team Schedule are best practice for following your team. On-site Wi-Fi is provided free to tournament participants and spectators, network will be made available at the tournament.

Initial brackets will also be posted on Baum's Page (Dist. Tournament: Division III - Independence) but only updated throughout the tournament on TrackWrestling.

Finals and Awards: Finals will be wrestled by weight class in the Independence High School Gym, with the next weight class starting after completion of both the 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th placement matches from the prior weight class. The podium presentation of awards / medals for 1st through 6th place will occur after all weight classes in Finals Session are completed. 5th/6th place wrestlers can participate in podium presentations after the Final Session or notify the tournament director at head table for early departure.

Spectators and Parents

Athletic directors and coaches from each school are expected to communicate relevant information in this document to parents and their wrestling community

Tickets will be available both online and at the door. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Please see the flyer included with the information packet. This is a two day tournament, Friday session and Saturday session includes semifinals and finals. Tickets are available through the OHSAA website at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>

Spectator parking is available at the Fieldhouse, Independence High School and Independence Middle School. School buses will have parking available behind the Independence Library, a shuttle van will be available for bus drivers.

Concessions: Full concessions will be available throughout all tournament sessions.

Media: Requests for media credentials should be directed by email to Tom Evans at tevens@cuyhts.org or by calling 440-781-1005 (cell).

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Friday March 1, 2024

Session 1 – All weights 106-285 Championship 2 rounds, Consolation 1 round

Time	Event	Location
1:30 PM	Coaches and wrestlers check-in	Independence Fieldhouse
2:30 PM	Weigh-ins (by weight class)	Gymnasium
3:00 PM	Doors Open to Public	Independence Fieldhouse
3:15 PM	Coaches Meeting	Media Center in High School
4:00 PM	Wrestling begins on 5 mats	Independence Fieldhouse
8:00 PM	Wrestling Concludes*-weigh-out ends 30 min. after last match	Independence Fieldhouse

*Approximate time

Weigh-out begin after the 144 weight class on the first day of competition

Saturday March 2, 2024

Session 2 – All weights advancing from session 1 only

Time	Event	Location
8:00 AM	Wrestlers weigh-in for those that didn't make weight at Friday night Weigh-out	Independence Gymnasium
10:00 AM	Consolation Rnd 2 begins on 4 mats	Independence Fieldhouse
11:30 AM	Cons Rnd 3 and Semifinals begin	Independence Fieldhouse
3:00 PM	Consolation semi's/5 th and 6 th place matches conclude*	Independence Fieldhouse
4:00 PM	Final Begin 30 minutes after 5 th and 6 th place matches end	Gymnasium
7:00 PM	All Awards – top 4 placers and 2 teams at conclusion of wrestling*	Gymnasium

5th/6th place wrestlers can participate in the podium presentation after the final session or notify the tournament director at head table for early departure.

*Finals session may start earlier than 4:00 PM depending on the completion of the 5th and 6th place matches