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TO: Wrestling Coaches and Athletic Directors

FROM: Brian Hiscox, Berkshire Division III Sectional Wrestling Tournament Director

RE: 2023 Division III Sectional Wrestling Championships - Berkshire

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are having a great and successful wrestling season. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with all of the information that you need for the upcoming Div III Sectional Wrestling Tournament at Berkshire High School. The tournament will be held at Berkshire HS, located at 14155 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton, OH 44021, on Saturday, February 25th, 2023. This is a **ONE DAY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT**.

Participating teams are: Beachwood, Berkshire, Brookfield, Brooklyn, Chagrin Falls, Conneaut, Garrettsville, Garfield, Grand Valley, Kirtland, Lake Catholic, Liberty, Perry, Pymatuning Valley, Southeast, & St. John

Wrestling Schedule:

Session #1 - Saturday, February 25th, 2023 - Wrestling will begin at 9:00 am on three mats. Doors will open for fans at 8:00 am.

- Championship first round and championship quarterfinals will be wrestled
- Wrestling will continue with the championship semifinals on two mats, and consolation wrestling on one mat (consolation second round and consolation quarterfinals). When either championship or consolation matches are done, the other will be completed on all three mats.
- Consolation semifinals will begin after the completion of the previous joint round on all three mats.
- 1st, 3rd, and 5th place finals will be wrestled concurrently by weight class.
 - **Again this year, a sixth match CAN BE wrestled eliminating challenge matches**
- All awards will be given upon the completion of the 285 lb weight class. The top six place winners in each weight class will be recognized on the awards podium.

Weigh Ins & Skin Check Schedule

Weigh ins and skin checks will begin promptly at 7:00 am on Saturday, February 25th in the Berkshire HS wrestling room. The scales will open at 6:15 am in order for wrestlers to check their weight. Coaches will not be permitted in the skin check/weigh in area during weigh ins. Prior to arriving at the skin checks/weigh ins, make sure all wrestlers are **PROPERLY GROOMED** and present the proper physician's skin release form (if applicable), as well as special equipment (i.e. hair covering, mouth guards, padding, special taping, bracing, etc). Wrestlers should have their hair and nails cut prior to weigh-ins. Any evidence of ringworm, or any other contagious skin diseases on any wrestler at any time during the tournament will prohibit that wrestler from competing in the tournament. The physician hired by the tournament director of the sectional tournament will make the final decision on any wrestler's physical status, including any skin rashes/diseases that could prohibit participation in the tournament. A doctor and head official will supervise weigh-ins and check all wrestlers' skin, hair, and nails.

We will weigh in by weight class (106, 113, 120, etc) and end immediately upon the completion of the 285 lb weight class. A contestant may step on and off the first scale two times. If he/she fails to make weight on the first scale, he/she shall immediately step on each available official scale in their designated weigh in area in an attempt to make weight. Any wrestler attempting to weigh in after their weight class and team has been called will be denied the opportunity to weigh in and will be scratched from the tournament. No wrestler will be allowed to exit the official weigh in area **FOR ANY REASON** once their weight class begins the weigh in process. No coaches are permitted to be in the weigh in area unless summoned by the weigh in officials. Official weigh-ins conclude for a weight class when the last wrestler in that class steps off of the scale. **Weigh-ins are then closed for that weight class.**

If your team has a problem getting to weigh-ins at the designated start time, it is the coach's responsibility to call or text the tournament manager at 440-384-2086 to inform them of the cause of delay. If this is known before the day of the tournament, the call should be made as soon as you are aware. If weather or bus trouble is the problem, the call should be made on the way to weigh-ins.

Placement/Awards/Scoring

Wrestlers placing 1st through 4th qualify for the Division III District Wrestling Tournament at Perry HS. Fifth place finishers will be designated as the alternate. Overall, the Sectional Tournament will be scored to 6th place per NFHS rules.

Team Registration

We need your team registered no later than Thursday, February 23rd by 7:00 pm. You must register your team online by visiting www.baumspage.com. If your registration is not entered by this date and time, your team will be precluded from registering. Click on the link in the center of the page titled, "Online Entry System." On the left side of the screen, click "Apply." Follow the instructions from that page. Once you have entered all of your information, click "submit your application." Then, on the left side of the screen, click on "Add/Modify Wrestlers." At the time you will want to submit all of your wrestlers' names and additional information. Then, click on "Submit Event Rosters," and use the drop down box to find Berkshire Division III Sectionals. Then, complete filling out the rest of your wrestlers' data in the designated slots. Click on "Save/Submit and Print Roster." If you fail to meet the roster submission deadline, your school may be subject to a \$150 fine. More information can be found [here](#).

Entry Grid and Seeds will be posted after 9:00 pm on Thursday, Feb 23rd.

Very Important Forms Needed Prior to Weigh Ins

The following forms must be presented to the tournament director upon arrival at Berkshire High School

- Weight Certification Alpha Master Report of all participants
- Sectional Wrestling Pass List
 - Can be found on this website <https://www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB/NEDAB-Forms-and-Financials>

Seeding for the Sectional will be based on the following criteria

1. Returning state placer (1-3) at any weight class
2. Returning state placer (4-8) at any weight class. A "new" (freshman or upperclassmen 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 at any weight class (4-8). The coach must e-mail the credentials to the tournament manager (brian.hiscox@berkshireschools.org) at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.
3. Returning district placer (1-6) at any weight class. A "new" (freshman or upperclassmen 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 (brian.hiscox@berkshireschools.org) at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.

4. Tie-Breakers are
 - a. The higher placer at each level earns the higher seed.
 - i. Previous year's tournament place finish must have been at an OHSAA Tournament.
 - ii. A returning state placer from Division I, II, or III.
 - b. 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:
 - i. Won/Loss record (by percentage) from current season (minimum of 12 matches)
 - ii. In the event of a tie in percentage, the wrestler with the most wins will receive the higher seed.
 - iii. If this does not break the tie, a coin flip will determine the seed.

Seeding Meeting

1. The Coaches Meeting for the Sectional Tournament will be held in the high school cafeteria fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of weigh-ins on Saturday.
 - a. Only wrestlers who have been seeded may challenge for a higher seed.
 - b. Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a winning record but fewer than 12 matches to the seed nomination list by emailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager (brian.hiscox@berkshireschools.org) at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.
 - c. 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:
 - i. Head to head competition
 - ii. Higher placement in the same weight class at a common tournament
 - d. Each challenge to a seed nomination will be addressed separately.
 - e. Disposition of each challenge will be made by a vote of all coaches or concession by the coach of the nominated seed under challenge.

Team Passes

Upon arrival at Berkshire High School on Saturday, each team will be required to sign in using their **Sectional Wrestling Pass List**. Only the names listed on the sectional wrestling pass list will be permitted to enter for free. Everyone else will have to purchase a ticket.

Hospitality Room

The hospitality room will be located in the staff dining room in the cafeteria. The hospitality room is for coaches, officials, and tournament personnel only.

Coaches Permits

All coaches must have a valid and current ODE Pupil Activity Permit in order to coach at the OHSAA Sectional, District, and State Tournaments.

Dress Code

The wearing of jeans, t-shirts, sweat suits, and warm up suits (top or bottom), hats or other headwear, 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 (as per OHSAA individual wrestling tournament regulation 27).

Admission Fee

Tickets must be purchased online at www.ohsaa.org/tickets. Tickets are available for \$8/adult or \$6/student. There will be no passes accepted and everyone must have a ticket for entry.

Buses

Buses will not be permitted to park in the front lot of Berkshire High School. Buses will drop off at Door #2 and then park in the Southeast corner of the BHS parking lot next to our board office.

