

2021 OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Addendum & Regulation Change Summary

Please note: Due to COVID-19 all tournament information listed below is subject to change. The OHSAA and the District Athletic Boards have worked to develop a plan to provide consistency at all tournaments and the best opportunity to conduct the 2021 Sectional and District Tournaments in the safest environment possible.

1 - 6th Match Placement Policy for One-Day Sectionals

- 1) For one-day sectionals with more than 10 wrestlers in a weight class, there is a possibility of either the Third or Fifth Place match cannot be wrestled due to the NFHS 5 Match per day limit.
- 2) If the match cannot be contested, all sectionals will use [OHSAA 6th Match Placement Policy](#) to determine placement on the district bracket or to determine the alternate.

2 - Sectional Format

- 1) 1-day sectional when possible
- 2) 3 mats, fourth mat optional (depending on facility layout)
- 3) Weigh-ins will be conducted on-site one hour before the start of wrestling in each session.
- 4) The recommended day of competition for the sectionals is Saturday.
- 5) 2 sessions
 - a. Session 1 - weight classes 106 - 145 (Group 1)
 - b. Session 2 - weight classes 152 - 285 (Group 2)
 - c. All brackets wrestled to completion.
- 6) The NFHS 5-Match Per Day Limit cannot be waived.
 - a. Use the Modified Random draw for weight classes with 10 wrestlers.
 - b. Weight classes with more than 10 wrestlers will use [OHSAA 6th Match Placement Policy](#) if their final match cannot be contested.
- 7) Managers should determine a schedule that will expedite procedures to keep wrestling moving and minimize delays between matches.
 - a. Weight classes with more than 8 contestants on the bracket may be wrestled first to minimize delays due to the "45 Minute Rule". Weight classes do not have to be wrestled in sequence from light to heavy.
 - b. Finals should be wrestled continuously without breaks between weight classes.
 - c. The two sample schedules below were based on using 3 mats for sectionals with approximately 125 to 135 wrestlers and are provided as models for possible time frames for each session.
 - i. [SW Sectional at Graham](#)
 - ii. [Sample Bare Bones Schedule](#)
 - d. The times needed for the sectional should be adjusted to ensure a timely start and adequate time to clear the facility and sanitize between sessions.
- 8) When a 1-day sectional is not possible due to number of wrestlers at the site, a 2-day sectional will be wrestled by weight class groupings listed above in four total sessions, two sessions per day
 - a. Day 1, Session 1 - Group 1 wrestle through two rounds of championship and one round of consolation. (Facility option for two rounds of consolation)
 - b. Day 1, Session 2 - Group 2 wrestle through two rounds of championship and one round of consolation. (Facility option for two rounds of consolation)
 - c. Day 2, Session 3 - Group 1 wrestle through completion of championship and consolation brackets
 - d. Day 2, Session 4 - Group 2 wrestle through completion of championship and consolation brackets

3 – District Format

- 1) 2-day district
- 2) 4 mats, 5th mat optional (depending on facility layout)
- 3) Weigh-ins will be conducted on-site one hour before the start of wrestling in each session.
- 4) Recommended days competition of two-day event is Friday & Saturday
- 5) 4 sessions

- a. Day 1, Session 1 - Group 1 wrestle through two rounds of championship and two rounds of consolation
- b. Day 1, Session 2 - Group 2 wrestle through two rounds of championship and two rounds of consolation
- c. Day 2, Session 3 - Group 1 wrestle through completion of championship and consolation brackets
- d. Day 2, Session 4 - Group 2 wrestle through completion of championship and consolation brackets

6) Alternates

- a. will not be admitted into the tournament unless they become participants. It is understood that this is harsh compared to previous years' practice, but this is not a normal year, and an extra 28-56 wrestlers cannot be admitted to the tournament if they are not participants. This is the only logical approach this year. If the transportation logistics are not feasible for a school or individual wrestler, then they should not travel to the site because there is no guarantee they will be admitted as a participant.
 - b. Alternates may arrive and enter the facility, and they will remain in a location until the conclusion of weigh-ins and skin checks. If they are not used, they will be asked to leave the facility. Alternates are not participants unless officially informed by the tournament manager. Coaches of qualifiers that are known to be unable to participate in the next round should contact the tournament manager ASAP! The manager will follow-up with the alternate to determine availability. If a wrestler fails to make weight or pass skin check and there is no alternate available to fill the spot, then the vacated line on the bracket will become a bye.
- 7) Finals should be wrestled continuously with awards mat-side after each match or picked-up later. There will be no podium presentation of awards / medals.
- 8) The sample schedule below was adapted from the Division III District Tournament at Troy Hobart Arena with 4 mats.
- a. [Sample District Schedule](#)
 - b. Wilmington Model (3 day)
 - i. Session 1 (106 to 145): Thursday,
 - ii. Session 2 (152 to 285): Friday
 - iii. Session 3 (106 to 145): Saturday morning
 - iv. Session 4 (152 to 285): Saturday afternoon

9) 3-Day District Tournaments

For District tournament being conducted over three days, the following weigh-in schedule shall be used:

Day 1 – Group 1 weigh-in shall be scratch weight plus 2 pounds. They cannot weigh-out for competition on day 3.

Day 2 – Group 2 weigh-in shall be scratch weight plus 2 pounds. Wrestlers competing on day 2 may weigh-out for competition on day 3.

Day 3 – Wrestlers from day 1 of competition, shall weigh-in and the weight allowance shall be scratch weight plus 4 pounds. Wrestlers from day 2 of competition that did not weigh-out on day 2, shall weigh-in with a weight allowance of scratch weight plus 3 pounds.

4 – Summary of Tournament Regulation Changes Regarding Weigh-Ins (Tournament Regulation 9)

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. A separate win / loss record without the inclusion of forfeits will also be required of each contestant. This separate win / loss record without the inclusion of forfeits will only be used as supplemental data in the event of a coach's seeding challenge.

9.7 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.

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).

5 – Seeding Criteria and Seed Meeting (Tournament Regulation 11)

11. Sectional Seeding: *There are no state placers from 2020

11.1 All wrestlers meeting at least of one the criteria below shall be seeded with a maximum of 8 seeds per weight class:

1 – A returning state placer from the previous year's OHSAA state individual wrestling tournament, or

2 – A returning district placer from the previous year's OHSAA district wrestling tournament, or

3 – A wrestler with a .500 record or better from the current season (minimum of 08 matches)

4 - Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler to the seed nomination list with a winning record but fewer than 08 matches by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.

11.6.4 Tiebreakers:

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

11.6.4.1.1 Previous year's tournament place finish must have been at an OHSAA tournament.

11.6.4.1.2 A returning state placer from Division I, II, or III.

11.6.4.2 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:

11.6.4.2.1 Won/Loss record (by percentage) from current season (minimum of 08 matches).

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

11.6.4.2.3 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 seeded by criteria.

11.7.2 Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a winning record but fewer than 08 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.

11.7.3 A coach may challenge a seed based on criteria 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

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

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