

2024 OHSAA Girls Wrestling Tournament Regulations
Refer to the OHSAA Website - www.ohsaa.org
Pre-Regional – Regional – 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 **January 11, 2024**. 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 Ohio High School Athletic Association Executive Director's Office organizes and conducts regional tournaments that are subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The OHSAA State Girls Wrestling Tournament is conducted by the Executive Director's Office. All participants must be eligible under the OHSAA Bylaws and Regulations. 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. Tournament Entry

Member schools wanting to participate in the **2024** OHSAA Wrestling Individual Tournament must indicate their intent to participate in their school's myOHSAA profile. Tournament entry confirmation begins **July 1, 2023** and ends **January 29, 2024**. Schools that change their tournament participation after **January 29, 2024**, will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$150.

3. Assignment of Schools to Pre-Regionals

Schools are assigned to a specific site by the Executive Director's Office and compete at the assigned site. The Pre-regional & Regional assignments can be found on the OHSAA Wrestling page. 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 tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA.

4.1.1 In accordance with NFHS rule 1-4-3, the OHSAA **pre-regional and** regional tournaments shall permit a wrestler to wrestle in six matches (excluding forfeits) in any one day of the tournament for qualification to the state 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 (TM) shall send tournament information to the athletic director of those schools assigned to their respective tournament. The Head Official (HO) 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 **pre-regional** 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 15, 2024** is **INELIGIBLE** to represent her high school in the regional wrestling tournament.

5.3 For the **pre-regional** 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.

5.4 Weight class entries must be submitted online by the Wednesday prior to the regional tournament. Submissions will close on Wednesday of **pre-regional** 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.

5.4.1 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 in girls wrestling matches ONLY for each contestant, along with any **OHSAA Girls State and Regional Wrestling Tournament placement in the previous year.**

5.6 Baum’s Page will provide the initial seeding of the wrestlers at each weight class based on the information submitted in 5.5 (above). Coaches will have an opportunity to review the information submitted and report any errors to the tournament manager.

6. Weight Classes

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.

7. Wrestle Backs

Wrestle backs from the first round, with cross bracketing, will be used in all regional and state 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. Weigh-in for the regional 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 100-pound class, all exercise activities must stop inside the facility.

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 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 prior to the **pre-regional** tournament.

10.2 Team rosters must include the current varsity records in girls wrestling matches ONLY for all wrestlers submitted. They should also include place and weight in last year's **OHSAA** State (Top 8) tournament and last year's **OHSAA** Regional Tournament (Top 6).

10.3 After 7:00 PM on Wednesday no substitutions will be permitted with the following exceptions:

- a. Academic or disciplinary ineligibility.
- b. Family matters that necessitate a wrestler being withdrawn.
- c. A medical emergency or illness experienced by the wrestler.
- d. 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 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. Pre-Regional 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:

- 1 – A returning **OHSAA** tournament state placer from the previous year's **OHSAA** Girls State Wrestling Tournament, or
- 2 – A returning **OHSAA** tournament regional placer from the previous year's **OHSAA regional** tournament, or
- 3 – A wrestler with a .500 record or better from the current season (minimum of 12 matches GIRLS ONLY), or
- 4 – Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a .500 record or better but fewer than 12 matches (GIRLS ONLY) to the seed nomination list by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager by Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

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:

- 11.4.1 Seeded wrestlers will be rotated accordingly to the appropriate line

(see 11.2 above).

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 tournament state placer (1-3) at any weight class

11.6.2 Returning OHSAA tournament 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 at any weight class (4-8). The coach must e-mail the credentials to the tournament manager at least 24 hours in advance of the seeding meeting.

11.6.3 Returning OHSAA tournament 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:

11.6.4.1 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 the OHSAA tournament.

11.6.4.1.2 A returning state placer.

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 regional 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 12 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

11.7.1 The seed nomination list will be posted by 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 21.

11.7.2 Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a .500 record or better but fewer than 12 matches (GIRLS ONLY) to the seed nomination list by e-mailing supporting documentation to the tournament manager by Wednesday at 7:00 PM. The tournament committee will review submitted wrestlers for accuracy and place them on the seed nomination list.

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 regional 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 to take the vacant line on the bracket at the respective tournament.
- 12.6 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: *Updated January 2024*****

1. Alternate – Regional 5th Place: Prior to the scheduled start of Session 1 of the Girls State Tournament, if one qualifying wrestler from a regional is unable to wrestle, the 5th place wrestler from that regional shall be placed on the vacated bracket line in the 1st round. If the 5th place wrestler from the corresponding regional with the vacated spot is unable to wrestle, 5th place alternates from the remaining regionals become eligible for the vacated bracket line. If only 1 alternate is able to wrestle, 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.

2. Alternate – Other Pre-Regional 5th Place: If the 5th place wrestler from the pre-regional with the vacated spot is unable to wrestle at their Regional, 5th place alternates from the remaining pre-regionals become eligible for the vacated bracket line. If only 1 alternate is able to wrestle, 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.

3. Alternate – Multiple from Same Pre-Regional / Regional: If more than 1 wrestler from a pre-regional / regional 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.

4. Alternate – Bye/No Alternates: A Bye is placed on the bracket for a wrestler who fails to make weight and no alternate is available.

5. Alternate – Less than 4 Placers at Pre-Regional: If there are less than 4 placers from a pre-regional, 5th place alternates from the remaining pre-regionals become eligible for the vacated bracket line/lines. If only 1 alternate is able to wrestle, she is placed on the bracket line. Otherwise, a coin-flip (2 alternates) or random draw (3 alternates) determines which alternate is placed. If there are not enough 5th place alternates available to fill the bracket, the 6th place alternates from the remaining pre-regionals become eligible for the vacated bracket lines.

13. State Draw

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

- A. Each regional has representation in each quarter bracket with an equitable balance of all pairings by regional - #1 vs. #4, #2 vs. #3, etc.
- B. No two wrestlers from the same regional 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 Regional Champion.

E. If returning state placers are from the same regional, 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 regional 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

(a) Videotaping or filming by participating schools.

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.

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.

3. Electronic devices that enable communication between coach and contestant during a match are not permitted (NFHS Rule 4-3-6).

(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.

16. Required Medical Professionals

A physician (M.D. or D.O.) must be present at all regional and state tournaments weigh-ins. It is highly recommended that you have a dermatologist 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 – Regional 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. Regional 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.

Note: All Regional tournaments will qualify four competitors in each weight class to the state tournament. See the OHSAA web site for additional qualifier information.

Note: Medals or trophies are not presented at the pre-regional tournaments.

18. State Tournament Qualifiers

- (a) Sixteen entries in each weight class qualify for the state tournament.
- (b) Entries for the state tournament from each regional tournament shall be forwarded to the OHSAA office following the tournament as per instructions.
- (c) The use of an alternate from regional 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Weighing-in and passing medical checks is verifying entry; therefore, not appearing at a match will result in a forfeit.

19. Officials

Officials for regional wrestling tournaments are assigned by the Executive Director's Office.

20. Media Credentials

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

21. Admission Prices

GIRLS Pre-Regional and Regional

- Students \$5 online & at the gate (*only if a high school venue*)
- Adults \$8 online & at the gate (*only if a high school venue*)

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 (Pre-Regional 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 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 OHSAA Executive Director's Office for all 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 OHSAA wrestling coaches to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon their high school, their profession and themselves. Personal grooming and appropriate dress are a standard of professionalism. The wearing of jeans, t-shirts, sweat suits, warm-up suits (top or bottom), head wear, and similar apparel are not considered suitable attire for coaches during the OHSAA regional 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 regulations 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 OHSAA Executive Director's Office will become involved.

2nd OHSAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament

March 8-10, 2024

**The Jerome L. Schottenstein Center
The Ohio State University
Dr. Bruce L. Maurer, Tournament Manager**

Refer to OHSAA Website - www.ohsaa.org

1. Regulations

The regional tournament regulations shall apply to the OHSAA Girls State Wrestling Tournament in addition to those listed below.

2. Management

The Girls State Wrestling Individual Tournament is under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA.

3. Pairings

Pairings will be available beginning at noon, **Monday, March 4, 2024** on the OHSAA website.

4. Admission

Individual ticket prices shall be as follows:

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

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 Admittance Tickets

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

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

Each contestant will receive 1 all-session ticket.

6. Program

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

7. Media Credentials

Media credential requests shall be submitted to the OHSAA per procedures outlines on the OHSAA 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 5th**. 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 8th**. 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 **10:00 a.m., Friday, March 8th**.

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:

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

Coaches' parking passes are non-transferable.

1 Alternates (Prior to the Friday Weigh in)

If a wrestler who qualified will not be able to compete, you must contact Dustin Ware (dware@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).

2 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 OHSAA State Program.

3 Weigh-Ins

Scales are unavailable **Thursday, March 7th**. Scales will open **Friday, March 8th at 09:00 a.m.** in the Aux Gym. 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 8th from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.** **Weigh-in shall be scratch weight plus 3 pounds** for the Friday weigh-in.

The Girls Wrestling Championship Semifinalists and Consolation Semifinalists may begin weighing-out Saturday at **4:20 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.)**. Weigh-in shall be **scratch weight plus 4 pounds** for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning weigh-out.

4 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 regional 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.

5 Coaches Meeting

There will be a coach's info meeting **Friday, March 8th 10:00 a.m.** in the main arena of The Schottenstein Center.

6 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).

7 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.

8 Time Schedule

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

Friday, March 8

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 in Aux Gym
11:15 PM Weigh-in ends.
12:00 PM Doors open and the ticket office opens for advance ticket sales and single-sessions.

Session 1

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.
3:40 PM D III Consolations Round 1.
4:20 PM D II Consolations Round 1.
5:00 PM D I Championship Preliminaries.
6:20 PM Girls Championship Preliminaries.
7:30 PM D I Consolations Round 1.
8:10 PM Girls Consolation Round 1.

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Session 2

7:45 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 QF's.
10:05 AM D II Championship QF's.
10:45 AM D I Championship QF's.
11:30 PM Girls Championship QF's.
12:05 PM D III Consolations Round 2.
12:50 PM D II Consolations Round 2.
1:35 PM D I Consolations Round 2.
2:15 PM Girls Consolations Round 2.

Session 3

4:00 PM Doors open.
4:20 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 SF's begin on Mats 1 & 2
5:30 PM D I Championship SF's begin on Mats 3 & 4
5:30 PM D II Championship SF's begin on Mats 5 & 6
5:30 PM D III Championship SF's begin on Mats 7 & 8
7:00 PM Girls Consolation QF's begin on Mats 1 & 2
7:40 PM D I Consolation QF's begin on Mats 3 & 4
7:40 PM D II Consolation QF's begin on Mats 5 & 6
7:40 PM D III Consolation QF's begin on Mats 7 & 8

Sunday, March 10

Session 4

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 3rd, 5th, and 7th place matches will be wrestled concurrently.

Session 5

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.

Approximate Session Times

Session 1: 1:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Session 2: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Session 3: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Session 4: 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Session 5 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM



Addendum A

Match Limitation Policy for One-Day **Pre-Regional** 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 **pre-regional tournament, both wrestlers will advance to the state tournament.** The following criteria will be used to determine their placement on the bracket for the state 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 **pre-regional**, 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 **pre-regional** tournament shall be declared the winner of the placement position.
2. If the wrestlers have met previously in the **pre-regional** 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 **pre-regional** tournament shall be the winner of the placement position.
5. The wrestler who has won by the most technical falls through the **pre-regional** tournament shall be the winner of the placement position.
6. The wrestler with the most wins by major decisions through the **pre-regional** 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.
 - a. Greater number of near falls
 - b. Greater number of takedowns
 - c. Greater number of reversals
 - d. Greater number of escapes
 - e. Penalized the least for stalling
 - f. 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.

Weight Classes with 25 or More Wrestlers

1. If a weight class has 25 or more wrestlers, then a wrestler may need to wrestle an eighth match to complete the consolation bracket.
2. If a wrestler wins her sixth match in the consolation bracket to reach the consolation semifinals, then NFHS Rule will prevail.