



**2023 OHSAA Wrestling  
Division III Northeast District Tournament  
Perry (Lake County)**



**Location:** Perry High School, 1 Success Blvd., Perry, OH 44081 [\[MAP\]](#)  
**Dates:** Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4, 2023

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**Pairings posted at:** Baum's Page - Dist. Tournament: Division III - Perry

The purpose of this document is to provide athletic directors, coaches, and wrestlers with all of the information that you need for the upcoming Division III District Wrestling Tournament. Perry Wrestling is excited to be hosting this important event again this season. We feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to host, but also feel the strong obligation to conduct this tournament in a positive and safe environment for wrestlers, coaches and guests. We are encouraged that all of us working together will be able to provide a meaningful tournament experience for the wrestlers. In preparation for this event, please review the [OHSAA Individual Tournament Regulations](#).

### **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 sectional, district 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.

### **Coaches Passes\***

Up to fourteen (14) wrestlers that have qualified to the district tournament (plus alternates), will be admitted to the district wrestling tournament. Additionally, one head coach (1) and one additional coach (1) 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 coach
- 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 and 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 weigh-ins and into wrestler designated areas.

Upon entering the Perry facilities on each competition day, teams will be checked in based upon order of arrival. At check-in, the coach must confirm the accuracy of the roster submitted, including name (spelling), grades and records. Teams will be escorted to designated team areas after check-in for wrestlers and coaches only in hallways adjoining competition areas. No spectators nor parents are permitted in the designated team areas.



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District Alternates may arrive and enter the facility at check-in. These District Alternates will remain in a location nearby the entrance until the conclusion of weigh-ins and skin checks. Alternates are not participants unless officially informed by the tournament director. Coaches of qualifiers that are known to be unable to participate in the next round should contact the tournament director as soon as reasonably possible. The tournament director 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.

### **Mat Locations**

The venue will have two separate locations for wrestling: Mat 1 and Mat 2 will be in the Perry High School (PHS) Competition Gym; Mat 3, Mat 4 and Mat 5 will be in the Pirate Athletic Center (PAC) Fieldhouse.

Mat schedules and real-time scoring can be followed in TrackWrestling: [2023 Perry Division III Districts](#)

Final results will be posted on Baum's Page: [Dist. Tournament: Division III - Perry](#)

### **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 name (spelling), grades and records. The coach must also submit the Alpha Weigh-in Sheet.
- Contestants who are called to the designated weigh-in area before weigh-ins commence must be dressed in full legal uniform (with suitable undergarments). The designated weigh-in area is NOT the place for contestants to change from their street clothes into their uniforms. It does not matter if the contestants are of the same gender, the bottom line is changing from street clothes into legal uniforms must take place in gender specific locker rooms, not in the designated weigh-in area. Moreover, we require that all wrestlers present in the designated weigh-in area have their straps up. The object is to respect the opposite gender and to eliminate any modesty concerns from the gender-neutral weigh-in process.
  - NFHS Rule 4-5-7 mandates that all wrestlers weigh-in wearing a legal uniform and a suitable undergarment that completely covers the buttocks and the groin area. In addition, female contestants must wear a suitable form fitted compression undergarment that completely covers the breasts.
  - 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 weigh-ins and check all wrestlers' skin, hair and nails.
- 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.
- Weigh-ins for this district tournament will be conducted by weight class.



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- 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.

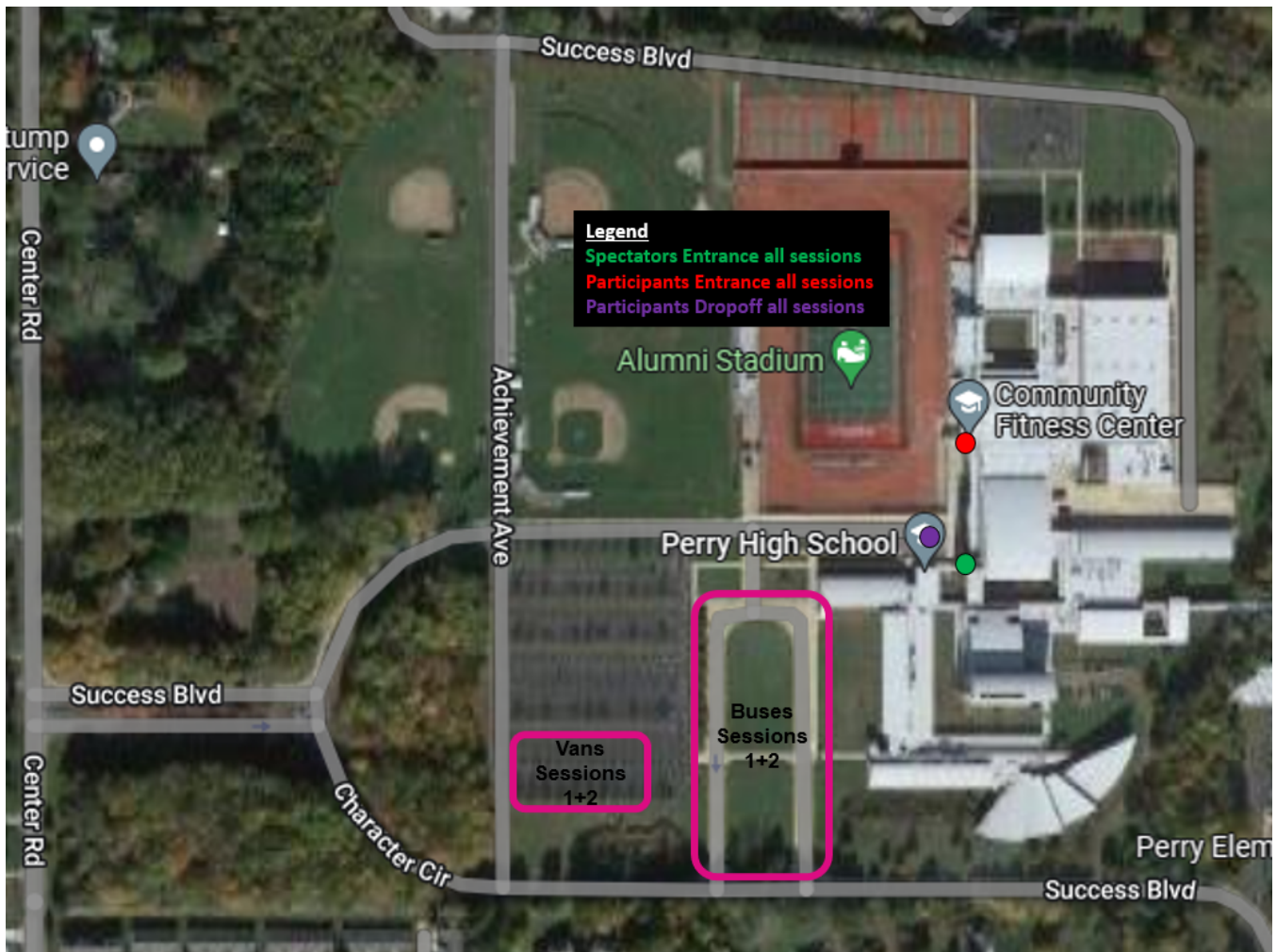


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Map of Tournament Venue Entrances

Location: Perry High School, 1 Success Blvd., Perry, OH 44081 [\[MAP\]](#)



Team Bus and Van Parking

For both **Session 1** and **Session 2**, team buses may park in the Perry High School bus loop. School vans will park within the designated area of the Perry High School student parking lot for both **Session 1** and **Session 2**.



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**Bout Board and Brackets**

Bout Boards will be posted in both the Perry High School (PHS) Competition Gym and the Pirate Athletic Center (PAC) Fieldhouse. Bout schedules by mats are also available in TrackWrestling:

[2023 Perry Division III Districts](#)

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 name **PLSD\_BYOD** password **PerryPride**.

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

**Finals and Awards:** Finals will be wrestled by weight class in the PHS Competition Gym, with the next weight class starting after completion of both the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> placement matches from the prior weight class. The podium presentation of awards / medals for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place will occur after all weight classes in Finals Session are completed. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**All tickets will be sold online for this event.** Spectator tickets will be sold online only. All tickets must be purchased online, no cash will be accepted at the entry gate for admission. Tickets can be purchased online up to and including upon arrival at the tournament venue.

OHSAA two-day District Tournaments are considered two-session events (a Friday session and a Saturday session which includes the semifinals and finals). A ticket will have to be purchased for the Friday session and another ticket will have to be purchased for the Saturday session. Tickets will be available for purchase at OHSAA. There are no purchase options for tickets covering Saturday's prelims only or finals only. Tickets can only be purchased online at:

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

Spectator parking is available at Perry High School.

Spectators will be granted access through a separate entrance for all sessions. No spectators will be admitted early.

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

**Media:** Requests for media credentials should be directed by email to Perry Schools Athletic Director TJ Rockwell <RockwellIT@perry-lake.org> cell 440-867-1963.



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**District Qualifiers:** Four individuals in each weight class from the following Sectional Tournaments will qualify for the OHSAA Division III District Tournament at Perry High School: Berkshire, Independence, Northwestern, and Rootstown.

**Friday, March 3**

**Session 1 = All Weights 106 - 285 (Championship Rounds 1 & 2, Consolation Round 1)**

Time	Activity	Location
10:30 AM	Session 1 Pass Gate opens for wrestlers and coaches	Pirate Athletic Center (PAC)
10:30 AM	Scales open to check weights	Perry High School (PHS) Competition Gym
11:00 AM	Weigh-ins / Skin Check by weight class	PHS Competition Gym
11:30 AM	Doors open for spectators	PAC
12:00 PM	Coaches/officials meeting	Head table in PAC Fieldhouse
1:00 PM	Session 1 wrestling begins on 5 mats Championship Round 1	PAC Fieldhouse and PHS Competition Gym
5:30 PM <i>(estimated)</i>	Weigh-outs begin by weight class after weight class's last match in the session*	PAC Fieldhouse
7:00 PM <i>(estimated)</i>	All participants and spectators must leave tournament venues upon completion of Session 1.	

\*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 a session. Any wrestler not making weigh-out on Friday must weigh-in on Saturday and must notify tournament director.

**Saturday, March 4**

**Session 2 = All Weights 106 - 285, advancing from Session 1 only**

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 AM	Session 2 Pass Gate opens for wrestlers and coaches	PAC
7:30 AM	Scales open to check weights	PAC Fieldhouse
8:30 AM	Mandatory Skin Check for all wrestlers	PAC Fieldhouse
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Weigh-ins for any wrestler that failed weigh-out on Friday	PAC Fieldhouse
9:00 AM	Doors open for spectators	PAC
10:00 AM	Session 2 wrestling begins on 4 mats, 5 <sup>th</sup> mat available for warmups: Consolation Round 2	PAC Fieldhouse and PHS Competition Gym
3:30 PM <i>(estimated)</i>	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> place matches wrestled in this Session 2 immediately after consolation semifinals	PHS Competition Gym
4:30 PM <i>(estimated)</i>	30 minutes break to line-up 1 <sup>st</sup> through 4 <sup>th</sup> place wrestlers for Parade of Champions.	

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place wrestlers can participate in podium presentation after Finals Session or notify tournament director at head table for early departure.

- **Session 2 spectator tickets also provide admission to the Finals Session.**



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**Finals = All Weights 106 - 285, 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Place Matches only**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>5:00 PM*</b>	Finals wrestling begins on 2 mats: 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place Matches	PHS Competition Gym
<b>9:00 PM (estimated)</b>	All participants and spectators must leave tournament venues.	

Finals will be wrestled by weight class, with the next weight class starting after completion of both placement matches from the prior weight class.

\*This Finals session may start earlier than 5:00 PM if the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place matches conclude ahead of schedule. Any changes to this start time will be announced by the tournament director. In any case, a 30 minutes break will occur between completion of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place matches and Parade of Champions for the Finals session.

- The podium presentation of awards / medals for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place will occur after all weight classes in **Finals Session** are completed.