2023 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
WRESTLING SECTIONAL/DISTRICT

2023 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. **The members of the Southwest District Athletic Board adopted the following regulation per a recommendation from the Wrestling Coaches' Representatives:**

   Coaches are required to wear dress slacks or khakis, a shirt with a collar, and appropriate footwear, such as sneakers, dress shoes, etc. Flip flops and sandals are examples of inappropriate footwear. Coaches dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to be on the mat.

   The Southwest District Athletic Board adopted the following policy effective with the 2018 tournaments: Athletes being recognized on the award stand cannot be wearing hats, hoodies, or other headgear while being recognized.

   Note: 4.1.1 In accordance with NFHS rule 1-4-3, the OHSAA sectional tournaments shall permit a wrestler to wrestle in six matches (excluding forfeits) in any one day of the tournament for qualification to a district tournament

2. Southwest Tournament Managers can seed up to six (6) wrestlers per class. For an individual to be seeded he must:
   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 12 matches), or
   4 – Coaches may submit a request to add a wrestler with a winning record but fewer than 12 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.

   See updated Tournament Regulation 11 (Seed Meeting Guidelines & Seed Criteria) at the following link: https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/WRindTourneyRegs.pdf

3. Team rosters must be submitted on www.baumspage.com before 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23rd. The team roster must include the current varsity record of each wrestler submitted. Also included should be the wrestler's weight and place in last year's State and District Tournaments. **After 7:00 PM on Thursday no substitutions will be permitted with the exceptions list in Section 10.3 of the OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulations.**

   A seed meeting can be held after 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Additional information pertinent to seeding is covered in Section 11 of the **OHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament Regulations.** See link: https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/WRindTourneyRegs.pdf

4. 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 sectional and district tournaments will be conducted by weight class. 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. 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 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. Additional updated information can be found at: https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Wrestling/2020-21/2021WrestlingTournamentAddendum.pdf

5. The minimum weight as listed on the Alpha-Master Roster and the wrestler weigh-in sheet must be provided to the tournament manager prior to starting the tournament.

6. Certification by Board motion: 1) A doctor, preferably a Dermatologist, must be present to check all athletes. 2) Tournament managers shall accept a state-certified form signed by a physician relating to a skin infection. 3) A registered wrestling official shall be employed to conduct weigh-ins.

7. Officials fees: Compensation is based on approved fees listed in the 2022-23 OHSAA Handbook of Officials

8. Tickets for all sectional and district tournament games will be sold online through HomeTown Ticketing. Gate sales are permitted but will be done electronically via HomeTown Ticketing provided the event is not sold out. No cash sales are permitted per OHSAA rules. Ticket prices will be:

   Admission for all sectional and district tournaments are:

   - Student (6 years old +) - $6.00
   - Adults - $8.00
   - Children under the age of five (5) are provided complimentary admission

   School Administrators Passes: Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for eight school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have eight tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament. There is no admittance without a QR code from HTT.

9. The only persons permitted in the wrestling area will be the wrestler and two (2) coaches. Violations will result in the removal of the coach from the wrestling area.

10. All weigh-ins shall be conducted by weight class. (See 2022 Tournament Regulations 9.1)

11. All tournaments are to score all six places at the sectional and district level.

12. MANAGERS AND COACHES will adhere to the State regulations. Rules and regulations may be obtained from the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org).

13. **Division I Sectional Wrestling Tournaments**. Fourteen (14) schools in the north are assigned to participate at Centerville while the schools in the South will participate in an open draw with thirty-four (34) schools participating at Lakota East, Lebanon, and Middletown respectively.

    Division II Sectional Wrestling Tournaments. All schools will be assigned to participate at either Western Brown, Clinton- Massie, or Graham.

    Division III Sectional Wrestling Tournaments. Schools in the North will participate in an open draw between Covington and Versailles while schools in the South will be assigned to participate at Blanchester High School.

    If an open draw is conducted, the manager will distribute voting materials and procedures prior to the start of the tournament. This will enable each coach to vote and have his votes back to the tournament manager by noon, Saturday, February 11, 2023, and prior to the Manager's Meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

    Tournament seed results shall be made available by the Tournament Manager to schools assigned to compete within that board's respective district no earlier than 24 hours and no later than two hours prior to the first team going onto the tournament bracket.

    By board action, starting with the 2021-22 tournaments, ties will be broken as follows:

    - The team that receives the most individual votes at the tied position or above shall receive the higher seed.

    - If the results are still tied, the tie shall be broken by a coin toss. The school that calls the toss shall be the first one to appear in the alphabet (official school name without the respective city name ahead of it unless the city name is part of the official school name), going from A to Z in even-numbered years and Z to A in odd-numbered years

    In the aforementioned sectional tournaments, if a coach does not show up at draw meeting, the manager will place the team in the sectional with the most open spots. If there is a tie in open spots, the manager will flip a coin to determine placement. This placement will occur in order as pre-determined by the coaches' vote.

    By State Board of Control, all electronic devices are to be turned off at the beginning of the seeding meeting.

    By board action, the coach cannot vote for his school in the seeding process, and the highest and lowest votes for each school will be dropped in the final calculation.

    By board action, the coach that does not vote in a bracket tournament loses his highest score, second highest score, and lowest score prior to final calculation.

Once the seeds have been determined for each team in the tournament, the seeds will go onto the brackets in order of seed. The first seeded team will go on followed by the second seeded team. Any seeded team may choose to pass, and if it does so, the next seeded team will be given a choice to go on the bracket. After a team goes on the bracket, the team that chose to pass will again be given an opportunity to go on the bracket. This process will continue until the bracket is filled.

Per action of the State Board of Directors, the following fine structure is in place:

a) Failure to submit seeding information when prescribed by OHSAA guidelines. Fine of $50.00.
b) Failure to vote in online voting process to determine seeding. Fine is $50.00.
c) Failure for coach, administrator, or authorized team representative to attend the tournament draw meeting. The tournament manager shall attempt to call the head coach and/or athletic administrator from the school(s) not present in order for a representative from the missing school(s) to participate in the tournament draw/seed meeting electronically/virtually. If no one attends - Fine is $150.00
d) Failure to show-up for tournament contest / refusal to finish contest which has been started and suspended for any reason is a fine of $150.00 plus cost of officials, site expenses, and team expenses incurred by opposing team, except pre-sale ticket revenue.

14. Qualifiers from Sectionals to District Tournaments:

Division I — Each sectional will qualify the top four (4) wrestlers in each weight class to the district tournament at Kettering Fairmont Trent Arena.

Division II — Top four (4) in each weight class from Western Brown, Clinton-Massie, and Graham, will combine with the top four (4) from the Licking Valley Sectional (Central) for the District Tournament at Wilmington.

Division III — Top four (4) qualifiers in each weight class from Reading, Covington and Versailles will qualify for a district tournament at Hobart Arena along with top four (4) from the Lima Central Catholic Sectional (Northwest).

The District Wrestling Tournaments will be held between Thursday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 6th.

Division I — Kettering Fairmont Trent Arena

Division II — Wilmington H.S.

Division III — Hobart Arena

15. Qualifiers to the State Meet will be four (4) in Division I, four (4) in Division II, and four (4) in Division III per weight class.

16. **Each School is permitted One (1) Head Coach on the pass list**. Each school will be allowed additional people based on number of competitors—one to six (1-6) competitors will receive four (4) additional passes, seven to ten (7-10) competitors will receive five (5) additional passes, and eleven to fourteen (11-14) will receive six (6) additional passes. These passes are for coaches, stats, managers, and support personnel.

Cheerleaders – A maximum of six (6) in uniforms, along with an advisor.

17. All qualifier data from Sectional to District and District to State will be transferred electronically when the tournament finishes.

18. District Tournament Managers must submit a time schedule for their respective meet.

19. By District Board Action. A new Weather Cancellation Policy was adopted:

The Southwest District Board has established the following policy for cancellation or postponement of tournaments.

Schools participating in wrestling tournaments and reside in a county that experiences a Level Two (2) or Level Three (3) weather emergency, that SITE (tournament) will be postponed. Tournament managers must contact the District Board and make every effort to personally contact each school's coach, athletic director, or principal.

Schools are also encouraged to make use of the Board website: www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home for updated information regarding postponements and cancellations.

The tournament manager will contact the Board Secretary, Phil Poggi (SWDAB-sec@ohsaa.org) who will work with the managers to contact the "News Media."

Prior to the start of tournaments, the managers will be instructed to make available to the Board, a contingency plan for weather emergencies.

20. Send no monies or reports to the OHSAA until the District Board has reviewed your financial work copy. Reports should be emailed to Joe Roberts (SWDAB-treas@ohsaa.org) as quickly as possible.

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