

John Deno Classic Wrestling Tournament

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Coach,

Here's the information for the 2026 John Deno Classic Wrestling Tournament, which will be held on Saturday, January 17. Weigh-ins by team will start at 8:00 AM and wrestling will begin at 10:00 AM. We will use a variety of pools formats (round robin, 4x3, 4x4, 4x5) for the preliminary rounds and will pair pool winners for the semifinals and pool runner-ups for the consolation semifinals. If there are more than 20 wrestlers in a weight class, the wrestlers with the lowest seed criteria will be removed from the tournament and placed in an "extras" pool and will be guaranteed two matches. It is very important to include records for every wrestler as this information will be a major factor in determining who gets into the tournament should there be more than 20 wrestlers in any of the weight classes.

We are using dual meet scoring for the round robins. We are scoring 8 places so the top 8 in each class are guaranteed six matches if brackets are full. The top 4 will medal and the top 2 teams will receive a team award.

Seeding will be done by **criteria only** after entries are confirmed!

We will seed up to eight (8) in each weight class using last season's State (top 8), District (top 6), John Deno (top 4) and Sectional Places (top 5), plus current season varsity winning record (15 match minimum).

WV and KY regional and state meet criteria should be entered as sectional and district results on baumspage.

Roster and Seed Nominations are due at **6:00 PM on Friday, January 16**. Barring unforeseen difficulties, preliminary seed nominations and the entry grid will be posted by 6:30 PM on January 16.

Weigh-ins will occur based on order of arrival and will begin at 8:00 AM . Therefore, your team must be at the school and checked in no later than 7:45.

Wrestlers will get two tries on the first scale and one try on the other scale immediately! Any violation of the NHFS rules can lead to disqualification for the day!

If there are any questions, contact me at (740) 797-4521 ext. 1010. I look forward to seeing everyone on January 17.

Eric Sholtis
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2026 John Deno Classic Wrestling Tournament

Date: Saturday, January 17, 2026

Teams: Alexander, Amanda-Clearcreek, Ashland Blazer, Athens, Belpre, Eastern, Fairfield Union, Federal Hocking, Marietta, Meigs, Morgan, Nelsonville-York, New Lexington (varsity & JV), Parkersburg South (varsity & JV), Pickerington North, Vinton County, Wellston

Rosters/Seed Nominations: Use the [Online Entry Form](#) posted at www.baumspage.com to submit your rosters and seeds by **6:00 PM, Friday, January 16**. If you need help, send an e-mail to help@baumspage.com or call Terry Young at 740-517-0195! At the bottom of the online entry form, prioritize a list of **no more than six extras** that **may** be able to fill the open weights

Times:

7:30 AM: Check-in, confirm roster and check weight. **No changes (other than scratches) will be accepted.**

8:00 AM: Weigh-in team. Wrestlers will get 2 tries on the first scale and 1 try on the other scale immediately with his weight class.

9:00 AM Gates open for spectators

9:30 AM: Coaches meeting

10:00 AM: Wrestling – Preliminary Rounds of the Round Robin Pool. Semifinals and Consolation Semifinals
Finals – (approximately 20 minutes after semifinals and consolation semifinals)

Awards: There will be awards for the top four (4) wrestlers per weight class. There will be an award for the tournament MVW. Top two teams will receive a banner.

Food: Food will be provided for officials, coaches and bus drivers only during the day. Please have wrestlers eat in the lobby area.

Lockers: Locker rooms will be available but lockers will **not** be provided for the wrestlers. Athens High School is **NOT** responsible for lost or stolen items.

Rules and Scoring:

1. Time for matches will be 2-2-2 except consolation matches (3rd-8th) will be 1-2-2.
2. Scoring for the preliminary rounds of the Round Robin will be dual meet scoring: 3, 4, 5 and 6.
3. Pairings for semifinals and consolation semifinal matches will be based on the criterion listed in the tournament letter.
4. Places and points will be scored for 1st-8th. Guaranteed placement points will be awarded as they are earned.