

2024 KEVIN MICHAEL MEMORIAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT
COLUMBUS ACADEMY, GAHANNA
Saturday, January 13, 2024

TEAMS PARTICIPATING: Columbus Academy, Buckeye Valley, Centennial, Columbus West, Dublin Jerome, Linden McKinley, Marion Franklin, New Albany, Plymouth, Wahama, WV, Westerville South

PLEASE NOTE: This year we will run the tournament as a pool-to-bracket that will maximize the number of matches for each weight class. Enter your extras in the priority order of your preference to get into the tournament.

We will use extras to fill to pools of 6,8,10, 12 or 16, depending on the number of scoring wrestlers entered per weight class. No extras are guaranteed entry!

1. **ONLINE ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:** Please follow the enclosed instructions for entering your wrestlers online. It is important that you are aware of the online entry start and end deadline.

Online Entry in open NOW.

Online Entry will close on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 PM

The seed nominations based on the stated seeding criteria will be posted on Baumspage by 8:00 PM, Thursday, December 11th. If you miss the entry deadline, you are not eligible for a seed. Any challenges to the posted seeds should be e-mailed to Tournament Director Rick Twining (ricktwining@gmail.com) by Noon, Friday, December 13th. The final seed nomination list will be updated and posted again by 2:00 PM on Friday, December 13th.

ALL CHANGES MUST BE MADE BY NO LATER THAN 6:30 PM FRIDAY NIGHT. NO WRESTLER MAY MOVE WEIGHT CLASSES AFTER THIS POINT. CHANGES MADE SATURDAY MORNING MUST BE WITH WRESTLERS WHO WERE NOT ON THE ORIGINAL ROSTER. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!

SEEDING CRITERIA: The seeding criteria based on last year's season statistics are as follows: State Placement, District Placement Top 6, Champion at the 2022 Kevin Michael Tournament, and 2022 Junior High State Placer. This year's record (minimum 12 matches) will be considered last Placement on the bracket for non-seeded wrestlers will be randomly computer generated.

2. **WEIGH-INS:** will be held in the locker room beginning at 7:30 a.m. and conducted in order of team arrival. ALL COACHES MUST CHECK IN BY 7:15 AM. Please wait in the gym until your school is called to the locker room. Hair, nails and skin will be checked then. You must bring your Alpha Master Rosters to weigh-ins! Please note the copy of the weigh-in procedure on attached page. Wrestling will start at 9:00 A.M. with finals beginning as soon as possible after bracket semifinals. There will be a coach's meeting before the finals to go over finals match-ups, MVW considerations, and other pertinent information.
3. **A TROPHY:** will be presented to the championship team. A plaque will go to the most valuable wrestler, to be voted on by the coaches. Medals will be presented to the top 3 in each weight class.
4. **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee must be paid at the seeding meeting on Saturday if it has not been paid.

WEIGH-INS

1. All contestants for each school must be in the locker room at the time their team begins to weigh-in. Please bring your weigh-in sheet for 2023 Kevin Michael Inv. No longer are you allowed to come in late and weigh in behind the 285 lb. class. The only exception is a wrestler that has a note from their principal due to an SAT or ACT exam.
2. If a contestant fails to make weight on one of the designated scales, he/she can immediately step off and back on that scale, one time. They are also allowed to step on any other scale in that room, one

time. They are not allowed to wait and try after the 285 lb. class. If a varsity wrestler does not make weight, the extra wrestler can be entered as a scoring wrestler.

3. Once weigh-ins start, all weight loss or gain must stop by all contestants whether they are in the gym or the locker room. Please let your kids know this prior to getting to the high school.
4. Reminder – weigh-ins start at 7:30 AM and are over after the last team weighs in, SO DON'T BE LATE. Please be at the school by 7:15 A.M.