

2016 OHSAA WRESTLING DUAL TEAM TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS
REFER TO OHSAA WEBSITE: www.ohsaa.org
REGIONAL AND STATE

Note: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations were adopted by the OHSAA Board of Directors on October 22, 2015. Please check the OHSAA website for the most complete and up-to-date information.

The Commissioner's Office is authorized to modify these regulations when it is deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

1. ORGANIZATION

The Regional Wrestling Dual Team Tournament shall be conducted by the OHSAA office and is subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The tournament will be conducted in 3 divisions – I, II and III. Each division shall be divided into 8 regions of approximately 18 - 24 teams per region. Each of the 8 regions will be divided into 2 sub-regions with a nearly equal number of teams in each sub-region. 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 compete in a weight class.

2. SCHEDULE

Regional Quarterfinals – Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Regional Semifinals and Finals – Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Each Regional Tournament shall be hosted by the highest seeded team in each sub-region with the Commissioner's Office authorized to move a site, if necessary. During each Regional Semifinal and Final Tournament the highest seeded team will host. **However, if the seeded teams which advance from each sub-region have the same seed number, then in odd numbered years sub-region A will host and in even numbered years sub-region B will host.**

When two or three rounds are wrestled at one regional site, matches may begin anytime after 5:00 P.M. for the first round with subsequent rounds to begin 20 minutes after the completion of each round. When only one round is hosted, the match may begin any time after 6 P.M. Twenty four teams (eight in each division) shall qualify to the State Tournament.

During competition, empty mats shall remain clear of participants.

3. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

Schools are assigned to a specific regional site by the OHSAA office and shall compete at the assigned site. The tournament manager shall furnish all competing schools with a copy of instructions and a time schedule prior to the tournament.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The NF Wrestling Rules, as may be modified by the OHSAA Board of Directors, shall be used in all dual team wrestling tournaments sponsored by the OHSAA.

All OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations apply to the conduct of the OHSAA Regional Wrestling Dual Team Tournament. This includes 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 Commissioner shall serve as the final authority on all questions and interpretations arising from the tournament.

5. WEIGHT CLASSES

There are 14 weight classes: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285. The minimum weight for the 285 class is 215 lbs. (and is subject to the growth allowance).

6. WEIGH IN

Weigh in will be conducted at the tournament site in accordance with NF Rule 4-5. **The Weigh in shall be scratch weight plus three pounds.** Additional pounds shall **not** be added for inclement weather days. They have already been added with the “plus three pounds”. The Weigh in for all teams will start one hour before the start of the first match at each site.

7. SCORING

The point system as adopted by the NF Wrestling Rules shall be used in all OHSAA tournaments.

8. ENTRY FORMS AND ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

- (a) A school that can field a team of 7 weight classes or more is eligible to enter the Dual Team Tournament.
- (b) Each school shall submit entries online at www.baumspage.com.
An eligibility certificate, 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 regional tournament. The intent to participate shall be recorded on the school's sports participation card in *myohsaa*. Thursday, December 10, 2015 is the last day to enter or withdraw from the Dual Team Tournament without penalty.
- (c) A high school wrestler who participates in a non-interscholastic wrestling meet or contest on or after Monday, December 28, 2015, is **INELIGIBLE** to represent his high school in the OHSAA Dual Team Wrestling Tournament.
- (d) For the regional tournament, the competing wrestlers must:
 1. Be listed on the eligibility certificate and the Alpha Master Roster.
 2. Wrestle only at the lowest allowable weight or any weight class above as specified by the rules.
- (e) A school may enter no more than three wrestlers per weight class up to a maximum of 28 wrestlers.

9. SEEDING AND DRAWING

- a) Seeding and drawing procedures will be established by the OHSAA as determined by the Board of Directors. Such procedures must be in accordance with Rule 10 in the NF Wrestling Rule Book.
- b) The OHSAA will make final adjustments to the schools that are assigned to each Regional Tournament no later than December 17, 2015.
- c) Coaches will submit all information for seeding purposes online at www.baumspage.com.
 1. The window to submit seed bios will **open at 12:01 AM on Sunday, January 10** and **close precisely at 11:59 PM on Tuesday, January 12.**
 2. To access the seeding/voting screens, a coach must submit a tentative roster with wrestlers listed in a **minimum of 7 weight classes.**
 3. Seeding criteria includes: number of returning District Individual qualifiers and placers, number of returning State Individual Qualifiers and placers, the team's dual record, and the team's success in regular season tournaments.
- d) Head coaches will submit a vote ranking all teams in their Regional via an online seeding procedure hosted on www.baumspage.com as follows:
 1. The window to submit a vote will **open at 12:01 AM on Wednesday, January 13** and **close precisely at 11:59 PM on Thursday, January 14.**
 2. The results of the seeding will be made public on the OHSAA Website.
 3. A coach shall not vote for his own team.
 4. **If a coach does not submit his vote ranking the teams, the highest seed ranking submitted by the other coaches will be deducted from his team's total calculated score.**
 5. These dates & times could be altered based upon inclement weather.

10. ROSTER SUBMITTAL

The deadline to update team rosters on www.baumspage.com is:
Regional Quarterfinals – Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 12 Noon
Regional Semifinals and Finals – Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 12 Noon

11. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE

No team shall be allowed to compete in the regional or state tournament 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 3-2-1)

12. 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. NF Rule 4-3-6 states that electronic devices that enable communication between coach and contestant during a match are not permitted.

(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.

13. REQUIRED MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

A physician (M.D. or D.O.) or a licensed athletic trainer (A.T.) must be present at all regional and state tournament weigh-ins. The tournament physician's/athletic trainer's 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.

14. AWARDS

Team trophies will be presented to the champion and runner-up teams in each regional tournament.

15. STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFIERS

8 teams per division shall advance to the state tournament.

16. OFFICIALS

Officials shall be assigned by the Commissioner's Office.

17. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

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

18. ADMISSION PRICES

The Regional admission prices shall be:

\$7.00 – Regional Quarterfinals

\$8.00 – Regional Semifinals and Finals

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MANAGERS AND SCHOOLS

Each person paying admission **MUST** be given a ticket. All tickets must be torn in half when the purchaser is admitted. If the sale and admittance are handled at the same location then the purchaser is entitled to and shall be given one-half of the ticket. Such ticket stubs shall **NOT** be used as pass-out tickets.

19. SIGNS AND BANNERS

Signs, school banners, pennants, shakers and mechanical noisemakers such as horns, bells, sirens, drums, etc. are **NOT PERMITTED!**

20. MANAGER'S REPORT

A complete report listing the competing schools and number of competitors from each school that actually participated must be sent to the Commissioner's Office by the tournament manager immediately following the tournament.

21. SPONSORSHIP AND RIGHTS

The Ohio High School Athletic Association 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 OHSAA Commissioner's Office for the regional and state tournaments. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournament for resale purposes is prohibited without written permission of the OHSAA Commissioner's Office.

22. PROHIBITED ADVERTISING

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 the high school athletic program.

23. 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 tournament and ending one hour after the tournament has ended.

24. PROHIBITED SALES

The sale, distribution or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest which involves OHSAA member schools.

25. UNSPORTING CONDUCT PENALTY

During participation in OHSAA tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsporting 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 Commissioner's Office by the tournament manager. The Commissioner's Office may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11.

26. 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 Commissioner's Office will become involved

27. INCLEMENT WEATHER

If any team or site is at Level 3, the tournament shall be postponed and rescheduled for the next day prior to the next round.

4th OHSAA STATE WRESTLING DUAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016 - DIVISIONS I, II, and III – ST. JOHN ARENA
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Bruce L. Maurer, Manager**

Refer to OHSAA Website - www.ohsaa.org

1. REGULATIONS

The Regional Wrestling Dual Team Tournament regulations shall apply to the State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament in addition to those listed below.

2. MANAGEMENT

The State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament is under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA and The Ohio State University. The Tournament Manager is Dr. Bruce L. Maurer.

3. PAIRINGS

The state draw will be conducted by the Commissioner's Office prior to the state tournament by the OHSAA State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament Seeding Committee. Pairings will be available Friday, February 5, 2PM, on the OHSAA website. The pairings announcement could be delayed by inclement weather.

4. ADMISSION

Tickets may be purchased through Ticketmaster for \$10 per session or \$15 for an all day ticket that includes both sessions. Tickets shall also go on sale at The Ohio State University Athletic Ticket Office at St. John Arena at a time and date to be determined. Please watch the OHSAA website for this information. No pass-outs are allowed. Cheerleaders and mat maids must purchase a ticket or be included in the school's allotment of passes. They will not be allowed on the Arena floor.

5. WRESTLER AND COACHES PASSES

Coaches shall receive 7 Participating Team Passes plus 1 for each wrestler listed on the OHSAA Weigh in Form.

6. PROGRAMS

The price of the official OHSAA State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament Program shall be \$4.00. Each wrestler will receive 1 program and the coaching staff will receive 2 programs complimentary.

7. MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Media credential requests shall be submitted to the OHSAA per procedures outlined on the OHSAA website. All requests should be sent to the attention of Tim Stried, Director of Information Services. The deadline for submitting requests is 4PM on Thursday, February 11. 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 St. John Arena to conduct practices or a weigh in prior to Sunday, February 14.

9. ROSTER SUBMITTAL

Deadline for updating team rosters on www.baumspage.com for the Official Program is Monday, February 8 at 10 AM.

Deadline for updating team rosters on www.baumspage.com for the Weigh-in is Thursday, February 11 at 10 AM.

Note: The deadline for last minute roster changes shall be at the weigh in on Sunday, February 14. Team rosters are frozen once weigh-ins is finished.

10. PACKET PICKUP

Packets which contain tickets, parking passes, team rosters, and tournament info shall be picked up at St. John Arena beginning at 8 AM, Sunday, February 14.

11. PARKING

Each school team shall receive 4 parking passes. Instructions for use of these parking passes will be in the coach's packet. Public parking will be available on The Ohio State University Campus at no charge. Coaches' parking passes are non-transferable.

12. WEIGH IN

Scales will not be available Saturday, February 13. Scales will open Sunday, February 14, 8 AM, in St. John Arena. The wrestler will be able to weigh in unofficially from 8 AM to 8:50 AM on the same scale which he 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 Sunday, February 14, from 9 AM to 9:45 AM. Weigh in appointment times will be in the packet. **Weigh in shall be scratch weight plus 3 pounds.** Additional pounds shall **not** be added for inclement weather days. They have already been added with the "plus three pounds".

13. COACHES MEETING

Coaches meeting will be Sunday, February 14, 8:30 AM, in St. John Arena.

14. LOCKER ROOMS AND SHOWERS

Lockers will not be available for contestants. Showers shall be available in St. John Arena NE Shower Room.

15. AWARDS

A team trophy and 28 medals for students plus 6 extra for coaching staff shall be awarded to the state champion and runner-up in each division.

16. OFFICIALS

Officials shall be assigned by the Commissioner's Office. An official may only work: A. the State Dual Team or State Individual Tournament yearly; B. the State Dual Team or State Individual Tournament for 2 consecutive years; C. A combination of the State Dual Team and State Individual Tournaments for 3 consecutive years. Exception: These regulations do not apply to the Alternate Official.

17. ACT/SAT TEST CONFLICT

If a wrestler is scheduled to take the ACT/SAT during the OHSAA State Wrestling Dual Team Tournament Weigh in, the school shall: A. Weigh in the wrestler on the same day as the state tournament; B. Have a school administrator (Principal, Asst. Principal, Dean, Athletic Director) or designated OHSAA representative conduct the weigh in; and C. Present to the State Tournament Manager prior to competing (a) Administrator's printed name and signature, (b) Wrestler's exact weight, and (c) ACT/SAT Official Receipt.

18. WARM UP PERIOD

During Session 1 each round of wrestling will be preceded by a scheduled minimum 15 minute warm up period. Once this warm up period is completed the Arena Floor will be cleared of all team members. Then coaches and team members will be readmitted who have an Arena Floor Access Pass only.

During competition, empty mats shall remain clear of participants.

19. TIME SCHEDULE

NOTE: All times are approximate.

Sunday, February 14

8:00 AM - Scales Open for Unofficial Weigh In

8:00 AM - Coaches Packet Pickup

8:30 AM - Coaches Meeting

8:50 AM – Scales Close for Unofficial Weigh In

9:00 AM – Official Weigh In Begins

9:30 AM – Ticket Office Opens

9:45 AM – Official Weigh in Ends

10:15 AM – Doors Open for QF's & SF's

11:00 AM – SESSION ONE (QF's & SF's) 6 MATS

11:00 AM - Upper Bracket QF's: D I – Mats 1 & 2, D II – Mats 3 & 4, D III – Mats 5 & 6

1:15 PM – Lower Bracket QF's: D I – Mats 1 & 2, D II – Mats 3 & 4, D III – Mats 5 & 6

3:30 PM – SF's: D I – Mats 1 & 2, D II – Mats 3 & 4, D III – Mats 5 & 6

6:45 PM – Doors Open for Finals

7:30 PM – SESSION TWO (FINALS) 3 MATS

D I – Mat 1; D II – Mat 2; D III – Mat 3

19. TIME SCHEDULE INCLUSIVE TIMES (APPROXIMATE)

Session 1: 11:00 AM -- 5:30 PM

Session 2: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM